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## Comment Of The Day

### CONTROL OF MED. FLEET

FRANCE's request that her Mediterranean fleet should always remain under national control even in war comes as a severe blow to the Western Alliance at a time when absolute unity is needed in the face of Russian threats to Berlin's status and the outstanding German question.

The timing of the announcement rather than the request itself is the major cause for concern as earlier in the year a high French civil servant issued the following warning in tones of some satisfaction to a number of his NATO colleagues: "You people are going to find us making quite a bit of trouble for you this year."

The French claim that both Britain and the United States were notified of the move and it must therefore be expected that both countries protested vigorously against any further weakening of the Alliance.

### Britain Starts

EVER since Mr. Sandys introduced his first White Paper on defence which led to the cutting down of British forces in Germany on specious pretexts that provided precedents for everybody to reduce defence spending, shorten national service and economize on equipment, it has been felt that Britain has been the most irresponsible partner by setting a bad example.

### Gaullist Policy

HOWEVER, it now looks as though the Gaullist government's policy of national greatness has not only been partially implemented, but puts Mr. Sandys' White Paper in the shade.

There is no doubt, though, that the French have taken their cue from Mr. Sandys by maintaining that what is good enough for Britain is good enough for France despite the disparity in strength.

The French attitude is that Shaps is far too Anglo-Saxon and there is a consequent demand for more French influence and high posts in the Alliance.

While it cannot be doubted that the Mediterranean is a French sea, the United States has the biggest fleet there and the British have nominal command and it is this that appears to irritate the French.

### SOVIET AGENTS

THE Soviet Union is about to resume diplomatic relations with Australia. The break between the two countries came about in 1954 following the Petrov affair.

Petrov, Third Secretary in the Russian Embassy in Canberra, sought asylum in Australia and his disclosures about secret service activities in the country were sufficient to cause a first class political storm which reverberated throughout the world. The result was that other countries began to intensify their inquiries into the secret police operations carried out under the cloak of diplomatic immunity.

With the facts at the disposal of the Australian Government, future Soviet agents are likely to find their movements restricted. If relations are restored—as appears likely—there will be a close watch on all Embassy personnel.

## TO CONSOLIDATE WEST'S POSITION ON BERLIN MACMILLAN LEAVES

### To Visit Canada And United States

London, March 18.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, left by air for Canada and the United States early today to consolidate the West's position on Berlin and European security.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary will spend all of today in the Canadian capital, thrown into mourning by the death earlier of the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Sidney Smith, before going on to Washington.

Mr. Lloyd yesterday met the high-ranking Soviet official, Mikhail Suslov, sparking speculation that the Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, had delivered an eleven-hour message to the Western leaders.

### Courtesy Call

But the Lloyd-Suslov meeting lasted only 20 minutes and was described later as merely a courtesy call. Diplomatic sources said the two did not discuss the international situation.

Mr. Suslov, the top Soviet Communist theoretician, has been in London since Friday on a 10-day "unofficial" visit sponsored by some Labour Members of Parliament.

Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Lloyd were to spend all of today in the Canadian capital and in talks with the Canadian Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker. A Foreign Office spokesman had said last night that Mr. Smith's death was not expected to force cancellation or postponement of the Ottawa visit.—U.P.I.

### OFFICIAL WELCOME MISFIRED

Sao Paulo, March 17.

Official Brazilian plans to greet the Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra at Sao Paulo airport misfired yesterday—because the plane bringing them from Rio de Janeiro arrived on time.

The state governor, Professor Carvalho Pinto, hearing that the aircraft's departure from Rio had been delayed, arrived by car at the airport three minutes after his guests had left to visit Sao Paulo's museum of contemporary art.

Turning his car around, he raced after the royal party, catching up with them at the museum's entrance where official greetings were exchanged.—Reuter.

### Canadian Foreign Minister Dies

Ottawa, March 17.

External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith, 62, a veteran educator and a member of the Prime Minister's Conservative Cabinet since September 13, 1957, died today.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's office said Smith suffered a heart attack just before he was to leave home to attend this afternoon's session of the House of Commons.—U.P.I.

### Unexpected Snowstorm Chills Sons Of Erin

New York, March 17.

THE weather bureau, 150,000 marchers and a million onlookers were taken by surprise today when a windswept snowstorm struck suddenly in the midst of New York's 108th and biggest St. Patrick's Day parade.

The sky was blue and sunny

### Labour Party Official To Stand For Parliament

London, March 17.

Mr. Morgan Phillips, 37-year-old General Secretary of the Labour Party, is reported today to be seeking a parliamentary seat.

He has allowed his name to be put forward for selection as prospective candidate for North-East Derbyshire.

This is a "safe" Labour seat at which the present member, Mr. Henry White, had a majority of more than 17,000 at the 1955 general election.

### NO COMMENT

Mr. White, aged 68, intends to retire at the next general election.

Press reports today giving news of Mr. Phillips' ambition to enter the House of Commons quoted him as declining all comment on the matter.

Labour rules prevent party officials sitting in the House of Commons. So, Mr. Phillips would have to resign his post if he were elected to Parliament.—China Mail Special.

### RUSSIAN NUCLEAR CENTRE BLOWS UP

Vienna, March 17.

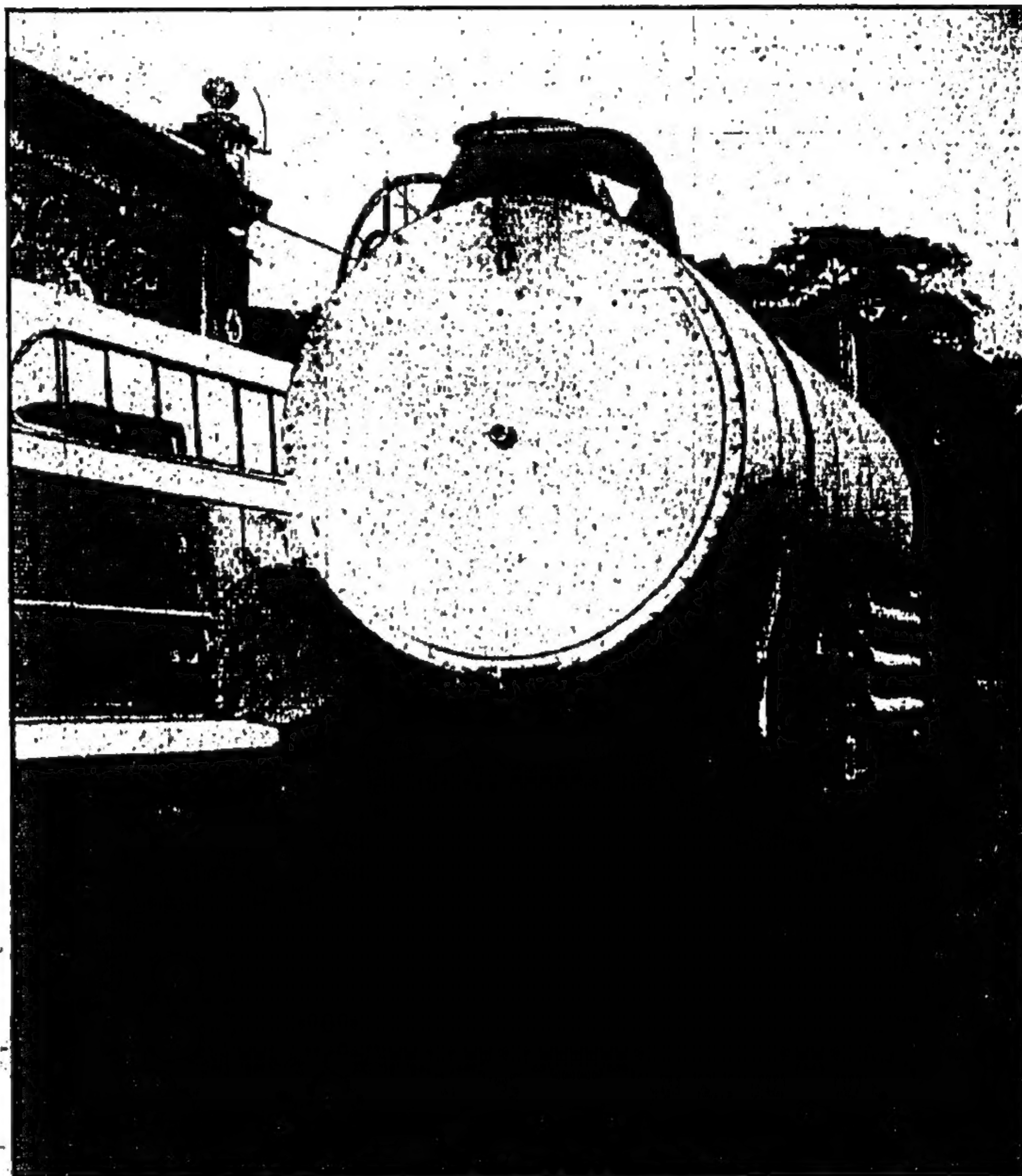
The Viennese daily newspaper Die Presse reported today that an accident occurred in a Soviet nuclear centre in February, 1958, seriously injuring nearly 200 people and contaminating 5,000 square miles in the Sverdlovsk region, central Ural.

Die Presse, quoting as its source an unnamed East bloc physicist, who recently returned from a voyage to the Soviet Union, said the catastrophe accounted for the ban on freighters in the Sverdlovsk region.

The Viennese paper said the accident occurred in a nuclear research centre after an explosion which partially destroyed the centre's filter system.

Radioactive dust from eight reactors reportedly contaminated a vast area, northwest of Sverdlovsk, necessitating the evacuation of 12 villages and several collective farms.—France-Press.

### AS BIG AS A DOUBLE-DECKER



### HIS LAST DAY ON CYPRUS

Nicosia, March 17.

Archbishop Makarios, asked at a press conference tonight how long it would be before Colonel George Grivas returned to the island, said, "If he wishes to return after the Cyprus Republic is proclaimed, I see no difficulty."

The Archbishop said Grivas often walked around in Cyprus unrecognized.

### Last Night

He disclosed that Grivas spent last night at the Greek Consulate in Nicosia.

Archbishop Makarios said: "My brother drove Grivas from the consulate to a bungalow near the secretariat, and he was scheduled to leave there at ten."

"He met some Eoka men in this house and persons who had helped Eoka. But as a little crowd gathered outside, his departure was advanced by 20 minutes."

Makarios said Grivas landed secretly in west Cyprus on October 24, 1954.

The alleged Grivas diaries as published by the Government said he arrived in Cyprus on November 9 of that year.

### Decorated

Makarios confirmed that he decorated Grivas with the medal of Saint Barnabas at a house in Nicosia earlier this month.

He said the only other person decorated with this medal was Archbishop Spyridon.

### U.S. Weather Balloon Over Asia

Washington, March 17.

A U.S. Navy weather balloon which hit a high-speed jet stream in the upper air was expected to land in the Orient today after travelling about two-thirds of the way around the world.

The Navy said the balloon was launched from Stanton, Minnesota, last Monday. Next day it was speeding eastward at more than 100 miles an hour at a height of 34,000 feet.

The Navy said it was scheduled to drop automatically a 12-pound load of instruments this morning when, if its speed had not changed, it probably was over northeast Asia. The instruments transmitted pressure, altitude and position data.—U.P.I.

The second 23-ton steam boiler for Jardine's Dyeing and Finishing factory was successfully delivered to Shatin this morning on this Army tank transporter.—China Mail Photo.

### Another 23-Ton Boiler Arrives

A 23-ton steam boiler was successfully delivered on an Army tank transporter from the Kowloon Wharf to its owners, the Jardine Dyeing & Finishing Co., Ltd., at Fo Tan, near Shatin, this morning.

This was the second boiler to be delivered to the factory. The first one, which was of the same size, was transported there on February 10.

The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., undertook the operation with the assistance of the 8 Coy Royal Army Service Corps (Independent Infantry Brigade).

EXPERTS

This morning, four selected expert drivers from the 8 Coy, RASC, with their Second Commander, Captain P. R. Cooke in charge, were present at the operation.

Two tractors and one trailer were required for the operation. One of the tractors was held in reserve.

Lt. Cpl. S. C. Stabbins drove the tank transporter.

Capt. A. Miskler, Master Mariner of the wharf company was in overall charge of the operation.

### Laughing And Singing Guests Killed

Annapolis, March 17.

A truck jammed with more than 50 laughing and singing Brazilians on their way to a wedding smashed into another truck today, killing 10 persons.—U.P.I.

## Communists Riot In Le Havre Mayoral Election

Le Havre, March 17.

Helmeted riot police hurled tear gas bombs into a howling, stone-throwing crowd of Communist demonstrators tonight to climax an uproarious inaugural meeting of this Channel port's new City Council.

At least four police were injured in the fighting.

The Communists were furious because the council used a one-vote edge over the Communists to toss out of office the city's long-time Communist mayor, Rene Cance.

### Red Workers

Two Socialist councillors joined in the anti-Communist majority of 10 to 18 which elected as Mayor Robert Montgullion, the retired Socialist city comptroller.

The police brawl with the Communist crowd—which included many Red workers from the docks—erupted after police cleared the public from the council chamber in response to an appeal from the chairman.

It had been a rowdy session from the moment it started at 8:30 p.m. After only 20 minutes the chairman used his special powers to summon police to his aid.

As soon as the public were cleared from the gallery they joined Communist waiting outside in bombarding police with stones. The police fought their way out of from under the hall of stones with tear gas and the crowd dispersed.

### Red Port City

The violence was the first to crop up as a result of the nationwide municipal elections, except for an incident in one village during Sunday's balloting when drunken voters turned over ballot boxes and set fire to the ballots.

The trouble in tough Le Havre, a notoriously Red port city, had been anticipated. Exits, reinforcements of the para-military CRS (Republican Security Company) were rushed in from the provincial capital of Rouen.

The Communists were enraged not only because the non-Communists were going up to oust Communist Mayor Cance but also because a Socialist was acting as the main instrument in his defeat.—U.P.I.

### JOE LOUIS MARRIES

Los Angeles, March 17.

Former heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis and Mrs. Martha Jefferson, Los Angeles attorney, were married at Winterhaven, California, last week, associates of the couple disclosed tonight.

The ex-champion and Mrs. Jefferson had been "going together for some time" and their marriage last Wednesday came as "no surprise" to their friends.

The pair quietly drove to the little town near the California-Arizona line for the ceremony and then returned here without disclosing the marriage until today.

Both had been married previously.—U.P.I.

## 3-Year-Old Sleeps Off Giant Hangover

Blackpool, March 17.

A three-year-old boy was sleeping off an outside in hangovers here today after drinking six pints of home-made wine in a two-hour session.

The boy, Mark Spedding, and a four-year-old friend found their way into the basement of a boarding house last night. There they discovered 14 bottles of October 1958 vintage home-made wine. Mark's pal took one sip and left it at that—but not Mark.

He was found two hours later by the landlady, propped in a corner, his snoring loud, clutching over one eye, and clutching an empty bottle of parsnip wine.

Mark was taken to hospital where he stayed the night while doctors and nurses got to work with a stomach pump. His mother took him home from hospital this afternoon.

"He's still sleeping it off and I can't get any sense out of him yet," she said. "I'll make him sign the pledge tomorrow."—Reuter.

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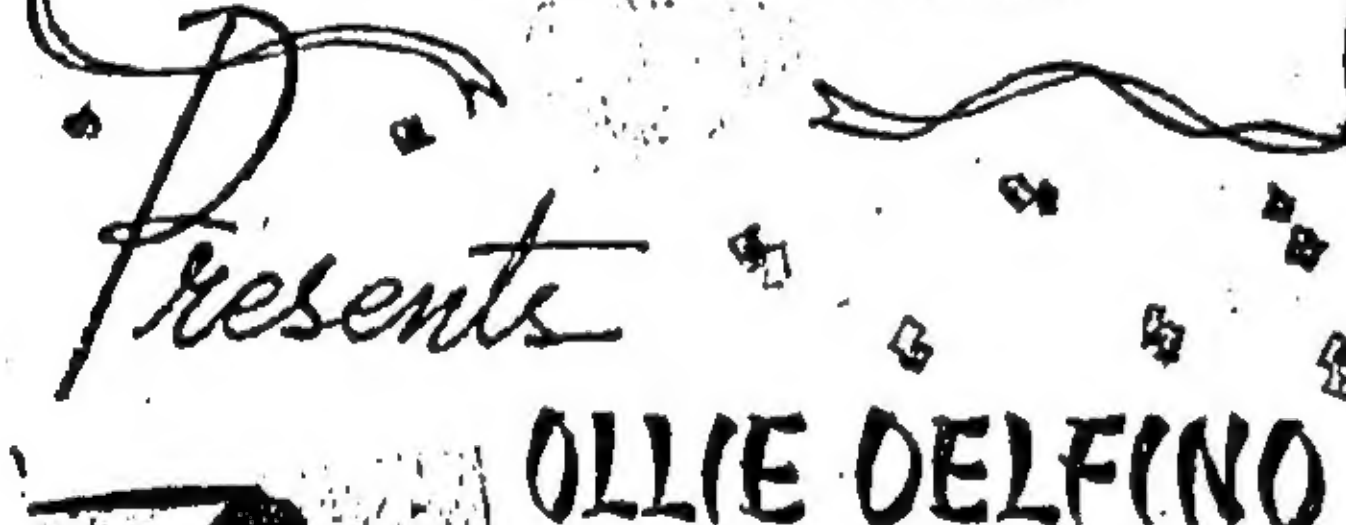


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# Sunspot Bumps Make Satellites Bounce

By OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, March 17. Scientists watching satellites re-enter earth's atmosphere have made a strange discovery — of "sunspot bumps."

# IRAQ TO 'EXPOSE' NASSER

New York, March 17.

Iraq intends to make public evidence which purports to show the direct part played by the United Arab Republic in the recent abortive revolt in Mosul.

In an interview with Winston Burdett of the Columbia Broadcasting System in Baghdad, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hashim Jawad said his government has conclusive evidence of the UAR's collaboration in the revolt from the moment it began until it was put into execution and failed.

According to the report from Burdett, which was broadcast, the evidence "ranges from trucks and railway wagons loaded with arms that were made in Egypt to a radio station assembled by the rebels in Mosul from equipment smuggled in from Syria, to documents and written instructions received by the Mosul rebels from their collaborators across the border."

Jawad told Burdett that neither he nor Premier Abdul Karim Kassam plans to reply publicly to six speeches by the UAR President Abdel Gamal Nasser denouncing the Kassam government as a Communist-dominated regime.

However, Jawad said, the story will be published in full, probably when the central figures are brought to trial.—U.P.I.

# Explosion Not Radioactive

London, March 17. Mr Harold Macmillan stressed today that an explosion at Britain's secret atomic weapons research centre at Aldermaston last month did not involve radioactive material.

Only high explosive was involved, he told the House of Commons. Two men were killed on February 26 when some high explosive blew up while being unloaded from a lorry. Another man was injured and 11 more treated for shock.—Reuters.

# ORIENTAL MAJESTIC

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Then they noticed that sometimes they seemed to "bump" and rise suddenly before continuing their glide to death.

# Radio signals

In a series of experiments at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Dr D. G. King-Hale used radar to track the falling satellites.

He found "bumps" occurred at regular intervals. Luigi G. Jappha, an American radar expert, also noted the "bumps."

Both men found that they coincided exactly with sunspots — periods of intense activity — occurring every 28 days when the sun sends out strong radio signals.

# Atmosphere denser

Professor Bernard Lovell, director of Jodrell Bank, who had tracked most of the satellites with his giant radio-telescope, said: "It appears that during these periods the sun's radio signal makes earth's atmosphere more dense."

"The satellites have run into this denser air and been forced up again."

"It is something which has always puzzled us — why our predictions on satellites were going wrong."

—(London Express Service).

# 'HAPPINESS PILLS' FOR ANIMALS

New York, March 17.

The millions of Americans who continue to depend upon their "happiness pills" every day are now being joined by the nation's farm animals in the wholesale use of tranquillizers.

# His Lucky Number Is... 13

London, March 17.

Two men won top prizes of £140,154 each today in a national football pool.

One of them, Mr Albert Taylor, 41-year-old coach and restaurant owner, said number 13 was his lucky number.

His house number is 13. He posted the winning entry on Friday, the 13th, and it was the 13th line of his entry which gave him the top prize.—China Mail Special.

# Japanese Rocket

Tokyo, March 17. Japanese scientists today launched a rocket carrying a spectroscopic at Michikawa Beach, Aikita Prefecture, northern Japan.

The Maritime Safety Board dispatched its patrol boat to recover the spectroscopic with a parachute and a float which had been separated in the air from the rocket.—Reuters.

Scientists have found that tranquillizing drugs will transform a ferocious bull into a docile companion; calves will graciously accept weaning; ewes will mother orphan lambs; and steers will go meekly to slaughter.

"Tranquillizers provide a safe and humane chemical restraint and make our animal and livestock work much easier," said Dr S. F. Scheldy, president-elect of the American Veterinary Medical Association. "Unlike its reaction to sedatives, the patient remains conscious, alert and responsive."

Dr Scheldy has pioneered the use of tranquillizers for animals ever since it was discovered that animals react like human beings to the "happiness pills."

Veterinarians also have a new hypodermic "gun" which shoots the drug into animals too fierce to treat by hand.

The gun shoots an aluminium hypodermic syringe which is propelled by carbon dioxide gas. It is accurate up to 150ft.

When the syringe strikes the animal's flank, it automatically unloads the tranquillizer, then falls off when the animal walks.—(London Express Service).

# Floating Exposition

Acapulco, March 17.

The Naval Ministry announced today that Japan's Floating Exposition of heavy industrial machinery will put into this port on April 7 and remain until April 10.

The exposition will conclude a Latin American tour here.—U.P.I.

# MAN AND WIFE GIVE UP £242,475

By FREDERICK ELLIS

London, March 17.

A man and his wife are today giving up £242,475 so that the money stays in the firm they started with £20—in- stead of the tax collector gathering most of it in.

They are 40-year-old Mr Norman Best and his wife Gladys, who now own 9,000,000 shares worth £1,875,000.

In the company, the "Anti-Interference Group, which makes TV aerials.

And the £242,000 they are giving up represents the major part of the dividends the shares could earn the Bests in the next three years.

For the Bests plan to cut the dividends they draw for three years — on most of their shares they will collect only six per cent while other shareholders get 40 per cent.

So, under the "cut our dividends" plan — which a meeting of shareholders will be asked to approve — the Bests will draw £14,000 a year instead of the £95,000 they would get if they took the full dividend.

Over the three years — if the dividend is held at 40 per cent — the pack will cost the Bests just over £242,000.

Mr Best told me that he and his wife are cutting their

dividends to keep the money in the company.

For if they took their £95,000 a year they would have to pay £72,000 of it out in income tax and surtax.

This way, the money will be retained to help finance the company.



NORMAN BEST

Three-year pact

Said Mr Best: "I am doing this because I do not like to see the money dissipated."

# A Habit

The Bests are making a habit of giving up their dividends. Last year they refused £40,000.

Back in 1936 Mr Best was a radio repair man going round the houses with a van.

Many of the complaints he heard from customers were about interference on the "telly."

So he invented an aerial to cut out interference — the X-type aerial.

With his wife as bookkeeper and a staff of two he started making his aerials. Now the group he controls is making a profit of £200,000 a year.

And the Bests live in a stately house on the Buckinghamshire hills near Wendover.

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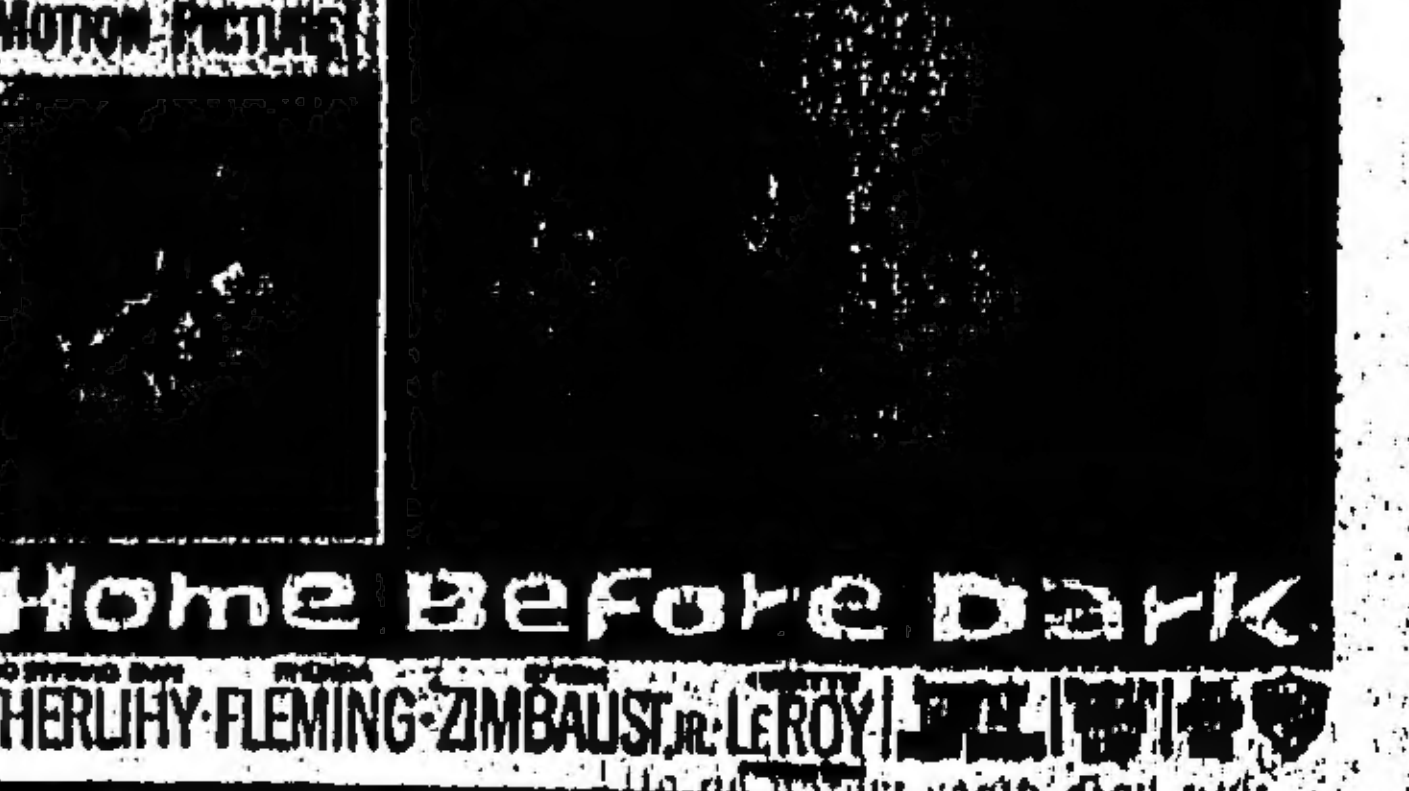
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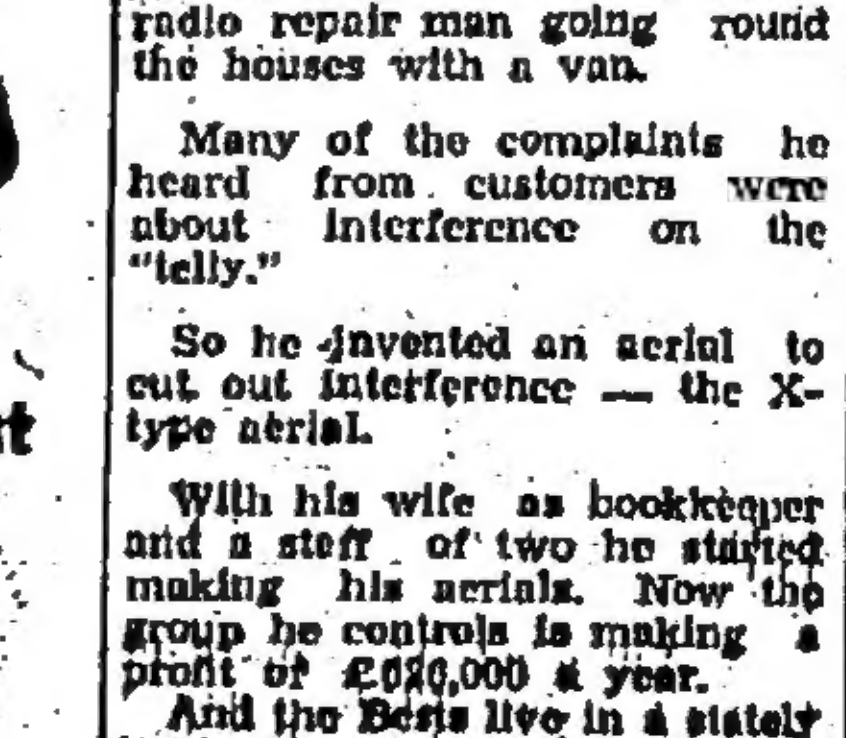
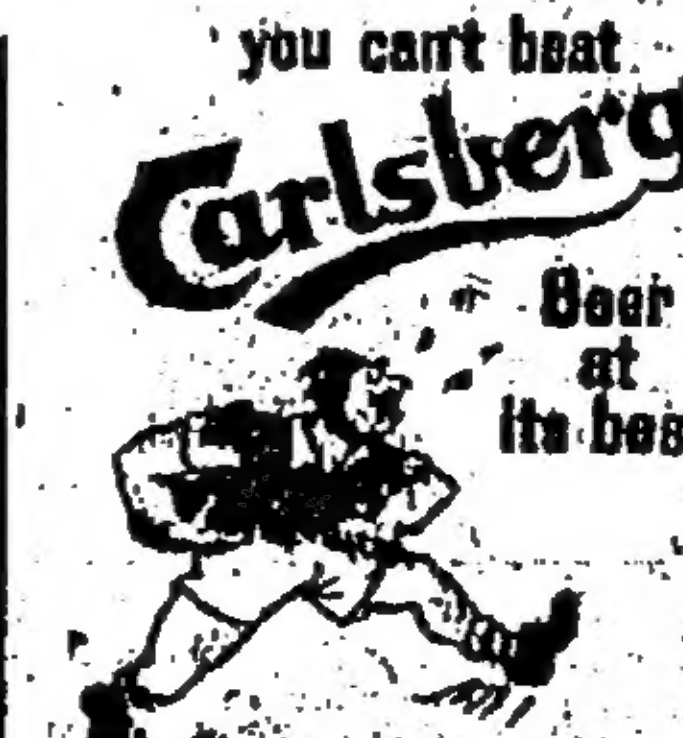
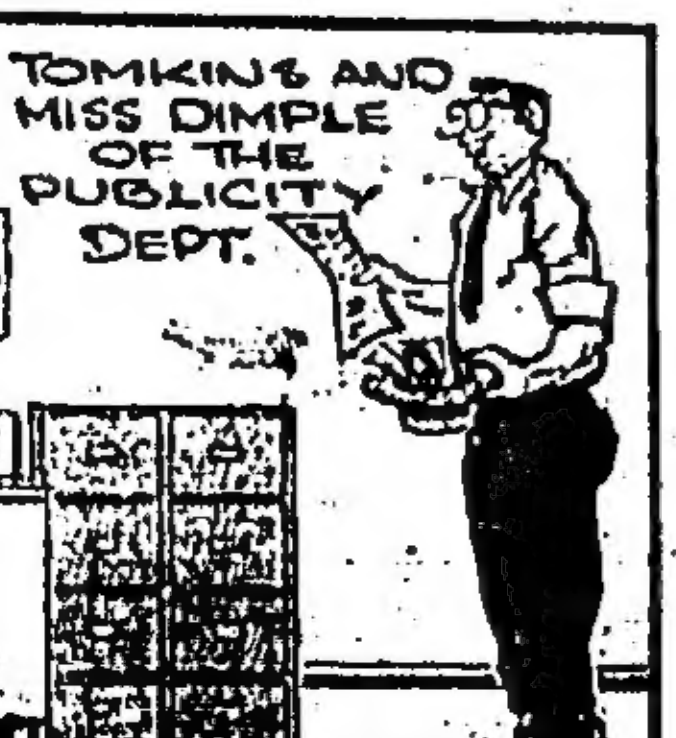


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# The Friendly Way —East And West

## CHINESE POLICE UK's HAPPY PHONE HAVE "LOVE PEOPLE" MONTH SERVICE TOO MUCH FOR USERS

Peking, March 18.  
Chinese police have been learning to "love the people" in a recent month-long campaign all over the country to encourage better relations between them and the public.



The Begum  
"Live and let live."

### The Begum Talks Of Rift With Karim

Paris, March 17.  
A weary Begum Aga Khan flew from Khartoum to Nice.

And sadly she announced a rift between her and her late husband's grandson Karim, the new Aga, who is spiritual head of the Ismaili Moslems.

The 59-year-old Begum—back from the official funeral and unshrouding of the 80-year-old Aga, who died in Geneva in July, 1957—said:

"Prince Karim has no intention of following the wishes of his grandfather as far as I am concerned."

The Aga's will said that 20-year-old Karim (son of Aly Khan) should accept the Begum as his sole counsellor and follow her advice in all matters relating to the Ismaili sect.

**In Background**  
The Begum, former French beauty queen Yvette Labrousse, is now a converted Moslem.

In a dark mauve tailored suit and matching hat, the still-attractive Begum said at Nice airport: "I am going to keep in the background and adopt my husband's motto 'Live and let live'."

She said that Karim considers she did not behave according to Moslem tradition at the funeral on February 26 on the banks of the Nile.

Police officers did odd jobs for families living on their boats, helped sick travellers to get medical treatment, and sought people's views on their working methods, the official Hsinhua News Agency said.

In Harbin, a northeastern industrial centre, a few policemen who used to quarrel with traffic offenders changed their attitude and now treated them courteously.

They made friends with more than 250 civilians who in turn became "honorary" propagandists, spreading the rules of road safety among their friends.

### Enemy

During the drive police studied how to be severe with the "enemy" and friendly with the people, the report said.

One result of this was that people now helped and co-operated more with the police and it was more difficult for "counter-revolutionaries" and bad elements to hide themselves.

The report said that a thief who had been operating in different parts of the south coastal province of Kwangtung for four years, walked into a police station one day and gave himself up, saying the "love the people" drive had spread everywhere and left him nowhere to escape to.

Police chiefs decided at a conference last year to hold the campaign for a month every year, the report said—Reuters.

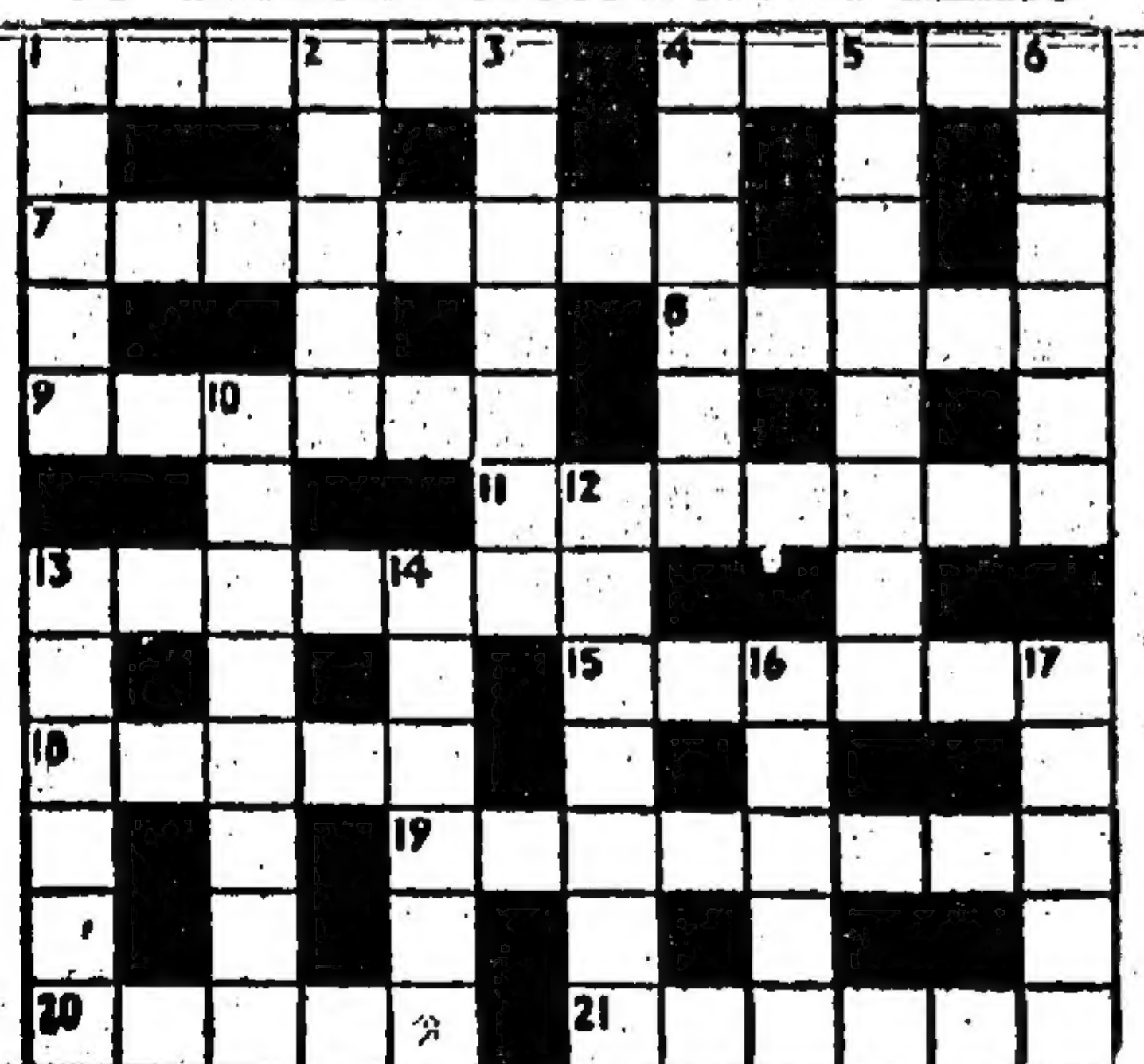
### Slander Fine

Paris, March 17.  
Anti-tax crusader Pierre Poujade was fined 100,000 francs by a Paris court today for slandering French riot police in an article in his weekly newspaper—U.P.I.

### No More "Flashes"

London, March 17.  
British Members of Parliament were assured in the House of Commons last night that there would never be another television news "flash" similar to that last month which panicked viewers—China Mail Special.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>            | <b>DOWN</b>          |
| 1 Reviewer.              | 1 Board game.        |
| 4 Printing machine.      | 2 Royal line.        |
| 7 Testimony.             | 3 Change.            |
| 9 Preserved.             | 4 Summary.           |
| 10 Departure from line.  | 5 Put into practice. |
| 11 Temporary cessation.  | 6 Soft mud.          |
| 12 Special gift.         | 10 Widens.           |
| 13 Indifference.         | 12 Wed.              |
| 14 Public meeting-place. | 13 Sweetmeat.        |
| 15 Nougats.              | 14 Spry.             |
| 20 Follow.               | 15 Awkward fellows.  |
| 21 Flag.                 | 16 Builder.          |
- YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Asia, 4 Barrage, 6 Room, 9 Eric, 10 Nucleus, 11 Haul, 12 Wile, 14 Secrete, 17 Inure, 19 Wager, 22 Premier, 26 Veal, 27 Cite, 28 Avoided, 29 Rank, 30 Dens, 31 Settler, 32 Eddy. Down: 2 Strain, 3 Archer, 4 Bonus, 5 Amulet, 6 Ruler, 7 Grunt, 12 Wisp, 13 Lure, 15 Edge, 16 Earl, 18 Recede, 20 Ayres, 21 Earned, 23 Revue, 24 Mole, 25 Rider.

London, March 17.  
The Postmaster-General, Mr Ernest Marples, has described how efforts to make Britain's telephone service friendly misfired.

He told reporters that for 10 days, operators in the London exchanges of Mayfair and Holborn and the Scottish exchange at Aberdeen had been experimenting with a more informal approach to subscribers and discarding the formal phrases they had used in the past.

"When one operator said to a subscriber 'Good morning,' Mr Marples said, 'he was so taken aback that he said, 'Good God.' 'Another said he was shaken to hear the operator say 'Good morning' while still another said that a more polite service was long overdue."

"One subscriber said he did not want the new type of friendly service."

Mr Marples said two stages of telephone development which had already been put into operation in Britain would give the finest mechanical system in the world at the price.

### More Latitude

Now they were embarked on a third stage—the human approach to make the telephone a "friendly, personal service."

When he went to America—which had 70,000,000 telephones compared with Britain's 7,500,000—early this year he found the attitude was that to prevent nationalisation the telephone authorities had decided to get the customers on their side.

They had decided on the same approach in Britain. They would do this not only by giving the telephone operators greater latitude in speaking to subscribers, but by regular research to find out what the customer wanted, and set up a special organisation to improve facilities.

With more mechanisation of the telephone service the importance of dealing with angry, frustrated subscribers would become greater.

### Radical Change

Earlier when Mr Marples told M.P.s in the House of Commons about the "new look" for Britain's telephone service he said that for the first time its aim and purpose had been defined in writing.

This drew such loud laughter from both sides of the House that he had to pause for a few moments.

He then added: "The essence of it is that we are determined to please as well as serve the customer."

Mr Marples said other action would follow later.

"All this," he added, "constitutes a radical change in our attitude to the telephone service."

"Our rules for the telephonist have been rigid and the words we have told them to use have been stilted (more loud laughter)."

"The rules are being altered and among the alterations will be one that gives the telephonist greater freedom to help the customer and to be more friendly." (laughter)—China Mail Special.

### Death Roll 45

Lusaka, March 17.  
The death roll in Nyasaland's disturbances reached 45 today when an African rioter was killed by security forces at Misuku Court, in the northern province near the Tanganyika border—Reuters.

Members of Britain's League Against Cruel Sports decided here today to protest to Buckingham Palace against the "shooting activities" of the Duke of Edinburgh.

The members, gathered in a conference, approved a letter which stated:

"This annual meeting deprecates the shooting activities of Prince Philip and especially that he should be teaching his son (Prince Charles) possibly a future ruler of the country, to have a similar

### "Me? A Playboy?"

—Asks Aly Khan

Beverly Hills, March 17.  
Aly Khan, here to visit his nine-year-old daughter Yasmin by his marriage to Rita Hayworth, says he's never been conscious of being a playboy.

"Some columnists give you a tag and you have to live with it for the rest of your life," he said.

"I've always believed in playing hard when one is playing."

"I also believe in working hard when one is working. The latter is what I have been doing for years—but not many people seem to know about it."

Aly Khan, now Pakistan's chief delegate to the United Nations, insisted he had been interested in world affairs for the past 23 years.

### Press Clippings

"My Press clippings will probably tell you I was dating or who I was supposed to be marrying, but I've been in the diplomatic field for years."

He said: "Altogether I still have 208 horses. One of them is St Crespin. He's the favourite for the English Derby this year."

Aly Khan, who arrived here after the U.N. session concluded on Friday for a recess until next September, said he would return to New York tomorrow in time to host an elaborate party for the opening of a new restaurant (the Louis XIV)—U.P.I.

### Chiang 'One Of Greatest Men'

New York, March 17.  
Norman Vincent Peale was asked today to name the "five greatest people living in the world."

Writing in Look magazine, Dr Peale listed President Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China; J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Gamble of France; Frank Laubach, a missionary who brought literacy to thousands in the Philippines; and Charles F. Kettering, the American inventor who recently died.

He said Chiang "prays sincerely for his enemies, never prays for victory, and prays to follow always the will of God. He is great because, not without painful struggle, he means those prayers."—U.P.I.

### Discoverer I Lost

Washington, March 17.  
The Defence Department said today that Discoverer I, the first earth satellite to be launched into a pole-to-pole orbit, is lost and presumed dead.

Roy W. Johnson, director of the department's Advanced Research Projects Agency, said Discoverer's death must be assumed because it is no longer sending radio signals and efforts to track it with radar have failed.—U.P.I.

### Not One Sided

He went on: "But it is important to remember that racial discriminations and hatred are not all on one side."

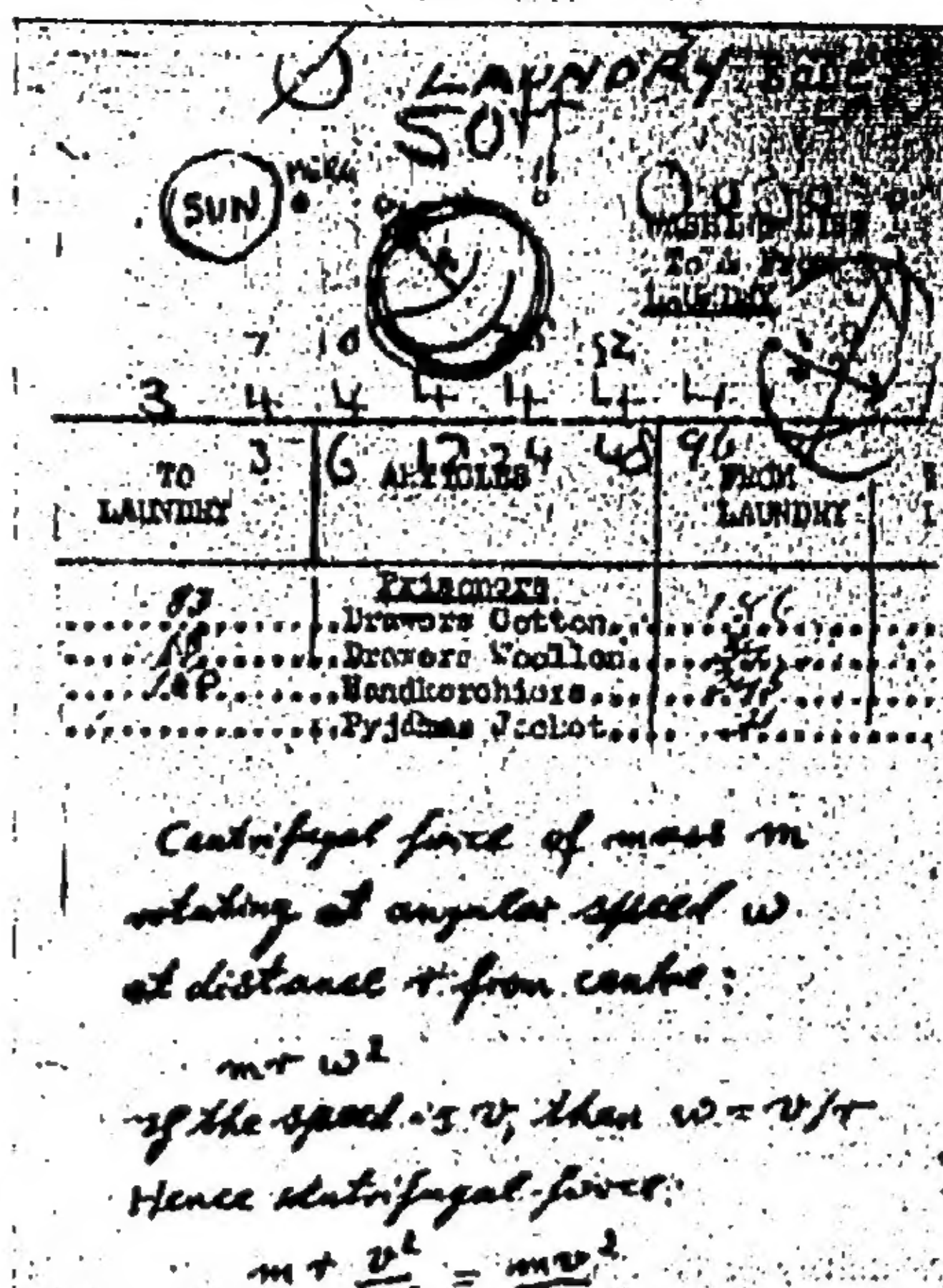
"It is impossible not to see a direct connection between what is happening in the Central African Federation, between the seizure of airfields and the sabotage of communications, and inflammatory speeches of the 'Europeans, scum out of Africa' type."

"We must beware lest our sympathy with the desire of Africans to move rapidly towards a European manner of life blind us to yielding to unilateral threats and acts of violence animated by a desire to throw out European settlers who are there by just as much right as anyone else," he concluded—Reuters.

### Prize Sausage

Huddersfield, March 17.  
Textile student, David Burt, ate 44 sausages to win a sausage eating competition as part of a student rag-week here today.

His prize was one pound of uncooked sausage—Reuters.



### Suicide's Baby Is Heiress

London, March 17.

A baby girl, born 66 days after her father committed suicide, is to share in a £100,000 trust fund.

Veronica Mary Barker, now five months old, is the daughter of West End theatrical agent Major Vere Barker.

He shot himself in his Spanish-style home at Smith Street, Chelsea, last August in a fit of depression.

Major Barker, four times married, son of a former Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Ralph Richardson, Margaret Leighton, Laurence Harvey, Eric Portman, Emlyn Williams, Terence Morgan, and Gladys Young, was 66.

His suicide was less than a year after his marriage to the beautiful, 66-year-old former Victoria Cross winner, Mrs. Barker, who was 66.

Veronica is the only child of his four marriages.

In his will he left £10,000. But it is now revealed that Veronica is entitled to a share in the £100,000 trust fund set up by Major Vere Barker's father, Sir Francis Barker, a director of Vickers, who died in 1922.

So the trust will remain intact until 1979 when Veronica, who lives with her mother at Chateau des Roches, Savoy, France, will be 21.

The three other grandchildren in the will are the sons of Major Vere Barker's brother, Mr Arthur Ronald Vere Barker, a publisher, of Burwell, Cambridgeshire, Surrey. They are Captain Patrick Barker, aged 23, of the War Office, and his brothers, Mark, 27, and Tim, 23.

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### FUCHS WORKS ON ROCKET IN PRISON

In his cell in Wakefield Prison, atom-spy Klaus Fuchs is working on a project to design a moon-rocket when he is released in June, according to an ex-prisoner who was among Fuchs' closest friends for four-and-a-half years.

Fuchs claims to have worked out the reason for the failure of American and Russian rockets. But, reportedly, whoever gets the credit for Fuchs' rocket it will not be the West.

He told his ex-prisoner friend, John Edward Johnston-Noad: "Help the English! I should say not."

Picture shows a formula of the universe Fuchs has worked out on a prison laundry list.

A Bonn report received today says Herr Gunter Koppelman of the Karl Marx university in Leipzig, East Germany, stated London Press reports that Dr Fuchs had received an appointment in his faculty of the university—Express Photo.

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# Why We Keep Our Navy

—By France

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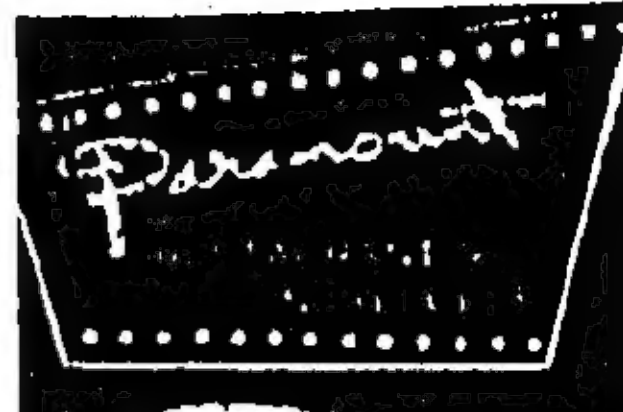
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# We've gone the full circle

WE left the Governor, Sir Richard Macdonnell, halfway through his speech just after he had laid the foundation stone of the proposed City Hall. To refresh your memory, it is Saturday, February 23, 1867. The Governor and Lady Macdonnell anticipate an excellent luncheon; the Loyal toast and many others will be made.

Sir Richard is in excellent form, for his speech must have taken something like an hour to deliver. But they were prosy days when men were intoxicated only by the brilliance of their own verbosity.

You will recall that we broke off in the middle of Sir Richard's speech because he made so many references to things which interested us greatly from this distance of a century, so that a little investigation concerning the why and wherefore of his references is worthwhile.

New Sir Richard Macdonnell, Governor of Hongkong, goes on with his speech. Remember, there is no amplifier, and he speaks to a considerable crowd. There is a friendliness about his address, a closer tie-up with the people, yet no uncertain appreciation of rank and its privileges.

He speaks on trade. Hongkong had been hit by a depression—"It must be admitted that a combination of circumstances had rendered the last two years disastrous and depressing to the commercial interests of the community, and though the general trade still existed and was extending, or rather might be regarded as almost in its infancy as yet, nevertheless, individuals had suffered and a great mercantile depression had resulted."

"The year 1865 had been particularly unpropitious, though the exceptional circumstances did not justify the above opinion entertained in England of the climate here, and writers in 'The Times' would have found their statements pleasantly refuted if they could have visited the last few months here, and enjoyed a climate profitable in many respects to that of London winter. (Hear, hear.)"

"Then again it was, but recently that the explosion of their powder depot had shaken their walls and nerves."

(The explosion to which Sir Richard Macdonnell referred occurred on January 17, 1867, when a little in the harbour blew up.)

"Yet with so much to depress, on this very day the community, unaided by Government or by anything else but enduring pluck and self reliance, had witnessed the laying of the foundation stone of the largest and most costly edifice yet attempted to be raised in this part of the world. (Hear, hear.)"

"That was a good practical refutation of Hongkong residents having an exodus from the city feasible or desirable."

"As for the building, the first stone of which I have had the honour to lay, I do not hesitate to say that, if completed, there will not be with three or four exceptions at the utmost, any edifice in Her Majesty's Colonies, so commodious and so thoroughly adapted to its intended objects, not one more elegant in its design."

With due apologies to the shade of Sir Richard Macdonnell, I feel his speech has arrived at that stage where the champagne is speaking on his behalf. His

adjectives are scattered, and his asperities squandered with the abandon of a drunken sailor scattering his months' pay. I will continue in reported speech.

Speaking of the completed City Hall, Sir Richard continues: "It would comprise at once the means of meeting and satisfying the necessary paraphernalia for the day's action. It would be a hall for a large library, a museum, Chamber of Commerce, a hall for public assemblies, a ballroom, supper room, and a theatre, all under one roof."

At this stage, Sir Richard pointed to some plans suspended on the wall of the temporary building which had housed the necessary paraphernalia for the day's action. He continued: "The architect had not shrunk from criticism, and he thought they would all agree that the plans exhibited that rare gift, genius, so often fatal to its possessor." (Sir Richard did not say why, but as a phrase it has a rhetorical flourish.)

But Sir Richard trusted that in the case of Monsieur Hermit, genius would prove to be only a source of profit and amusement. (After that the architect of the first City Hall was a Frenchman, M. Hermit. He won the award in open competition. This accounts for the rather imposing array of Frenchmen on this occasion. It also shows that quite early the Colony established that international liberal content, which is a source of delight and of certain self-satisfaction in this British Colony today.)

Sir Richard went on to say that he was especially delighted to know that provision had been made for a library and museum. "Let them but provide the accommodation, and private munificence would furnish their shelves with the useful and the curious."

In Australia, some years ago, he had been associated with the forming of a Central Museum, as a medium for the instruction of youth. It was suggested by many at the time that the space provided was too large. He was glad, however, to learn that the South Australian Government was being pressed to accept the demands for more space. So it would be good if with the passing of time such a situation occurred with reference to Hongkong's library and museum.

Entertaining, as he did, a very high opinion of the architect, M. Hermit, who had designed the City Hall, so worthy of the place, and as graceful as it was massive, he was certain that his listeners felt, as he felt, that the day was also singularly honoured by the presence of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Penhryn.

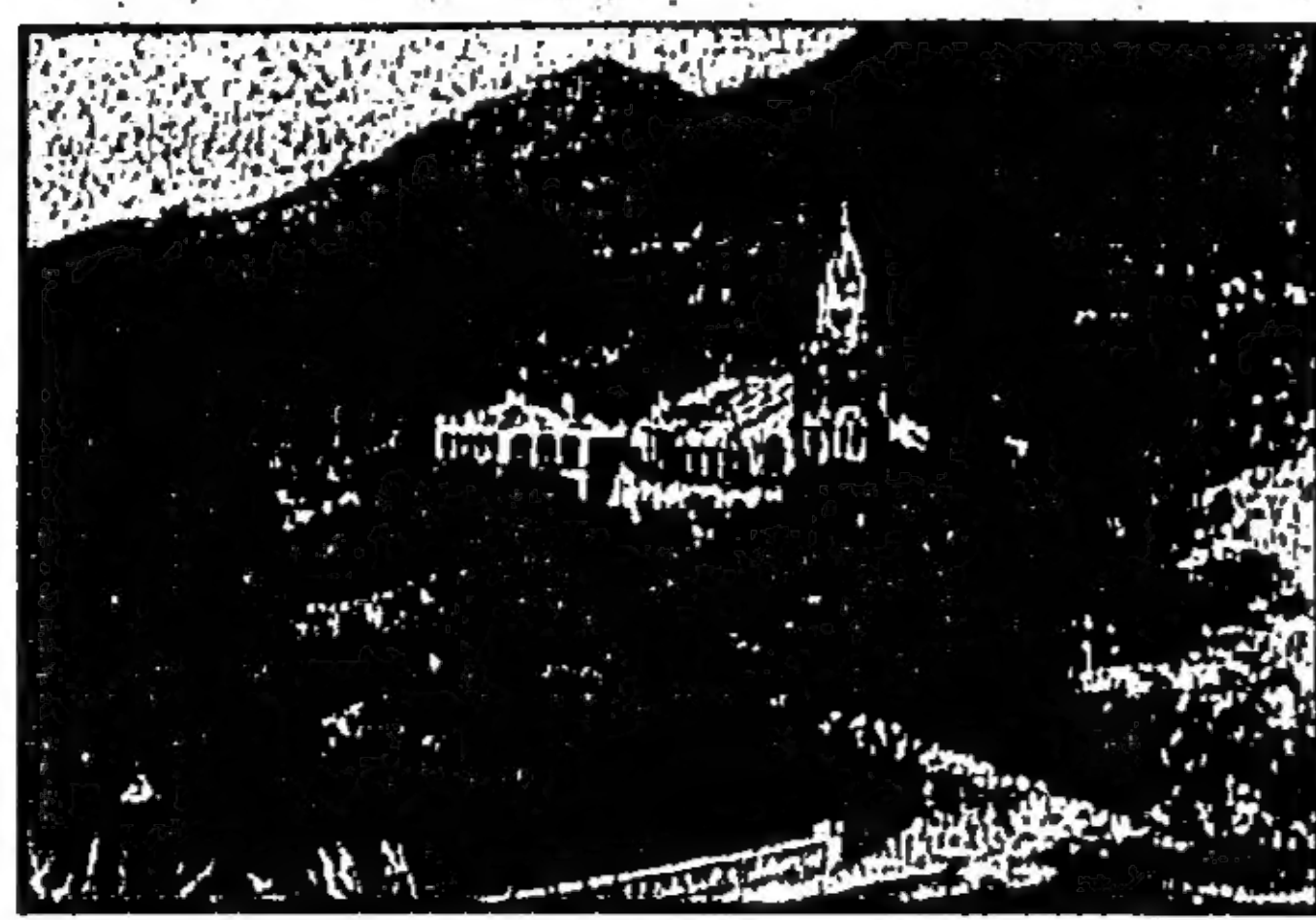
There has been nothing quite like it in the annals of our colony. A cry echoed from the baseball ground of Brooklyn Dodgers: "We Will Be Seated."

The trouble has blown up through a diligent newspaper spotting in the Congressional Record in Washington that Representative Steven V. Carter had on his clerical staff a Steven A. Carter who was being paid \$11,873 a year OUT OF THE TAXPAYER'S MONEY.

NOT ALONE

In less time than it takes to work out that \$11,873 is equal to \$2,420 or more than \$21 a week, the reporter found that Steven Carter is Representative Carter's 10-year-old son.

This, in itself, would have provided fuel enough to fire a national bonfire for weeks to come.



The Union Church, photographed in the nineties standing in a wooded area now completely built over.

The history of the illustrious Duc was so closely interwoven with, and formed so large a portion of the history of France which the Orleans family loved above all things.

(It would be interesting if some readers would inform me if they share the opinion that Sir Richard was skating on thin ice there. Napoleon III had yet another eighteen months on the French throne before the disaster of Sedan swept the Bonapartes from France. The process here seems to be a Legitimist, the Orleans family against the pretender Bonaparte family. My point is here we have a high placed servant of the Crown expressing an opinion concerning the internal affairs of a foreign power.)

Sir Richard continues: "His Royal Highness, as a good Frenchman, could not but feel gratified at the compliment paid in this distant part of the world to his countymen, and would see that the British were impartial enough to select from all competitors French taste and French ability when they deserved it." (Loud cheers.)

Like the Hongkong residents in general, Mr. Rennie had to endure the spectacle of seeing all the good prizes going up north in Shanghai.

Sir Richard hoped that their defeat would only spur them on to future victories, and as they laid the foundation stone of their new City Hall, during the days of depression, so in the next year they would lay their plans to retain the next Challenge Cup at Hongkong.

by ARTHUR BRITTENDEN

WASHINGTON.

WITH a huffing and a puffing and a blowing of steam that threaten to lift the Statue of Liberty off her pedestal, hundreds of politicians who sit in the U.S. Congress are today frantically trying to persuade their voters that they are not half such bad chaps as everyone in America is saying they are.

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JOHN LUFF

(I can't help laughing at that. The Governor and all the community are gathered to celebrate an important event in the life of Hongkong when Sir Richard is reminded of something infinitely more important. The races at Happy Valley! Nor does the community regard his comments on the awful disgrace suffered by losing the Challenge Cup to Shanghai, out of place at such a time. But what does the royal visitor of Orleans, and M. Hermit think about it? The mad British, come to some cultural achievement; but the moment horse racing is mentioned, the City Hall is forgotten, and sighs and groans and interlarded cheers split the Hongkong sky when the Governor defers Shanghai to lift the Challenge Cup again.)

At last Sir Richard Macdonnell gets back to the business of the day. To conclude and return to grave thoughts, he would ask them not to separate without permitting him in their name to express the hope that the new and beautiful edifice which they had that day commenced, might never be desecrated by the utterance within its walls of any disloyal sentiment from the lips of a British resident. They could not, of course, by any means wish or hope, shape future events. Still, at such a time such wishes and sentiments were right and proper.

In any free country, in halls where the public were permitted to express their feeling it was only natural that expressions of disagreement would be heard. They might, however, hope it would have its limits, and be merely the warmth that freedom generates and vivifies, not the heart of a turbulent licence which consumes and destroys.

The Governor, who seemed to know Hongkong then remarked upon the human frailties which

seem to flourish more profusely overseas. He said that they could not expect even the intended ballroom would be free from some of the jealousies and rivalries which tend themselves more than a mere interest to special galleries, but they might wish at least a happy and fortunate ending to all such tender episodes.

In conclusion he invited them to join him in the hope that the steady and reliable spirit which had brought the Colony through the depression would endure as long as the foundation stone he had just laid.

He asked them all to raise their glasses in the toast, "Prosperity to the City Hall of Victoria."

Fortunately, the steady spirit of the Colony endured even longer than the foundation stone so well and truly laid by Sir Richard Macdonnell, and survived even worse setbacks than the depression of 1865.

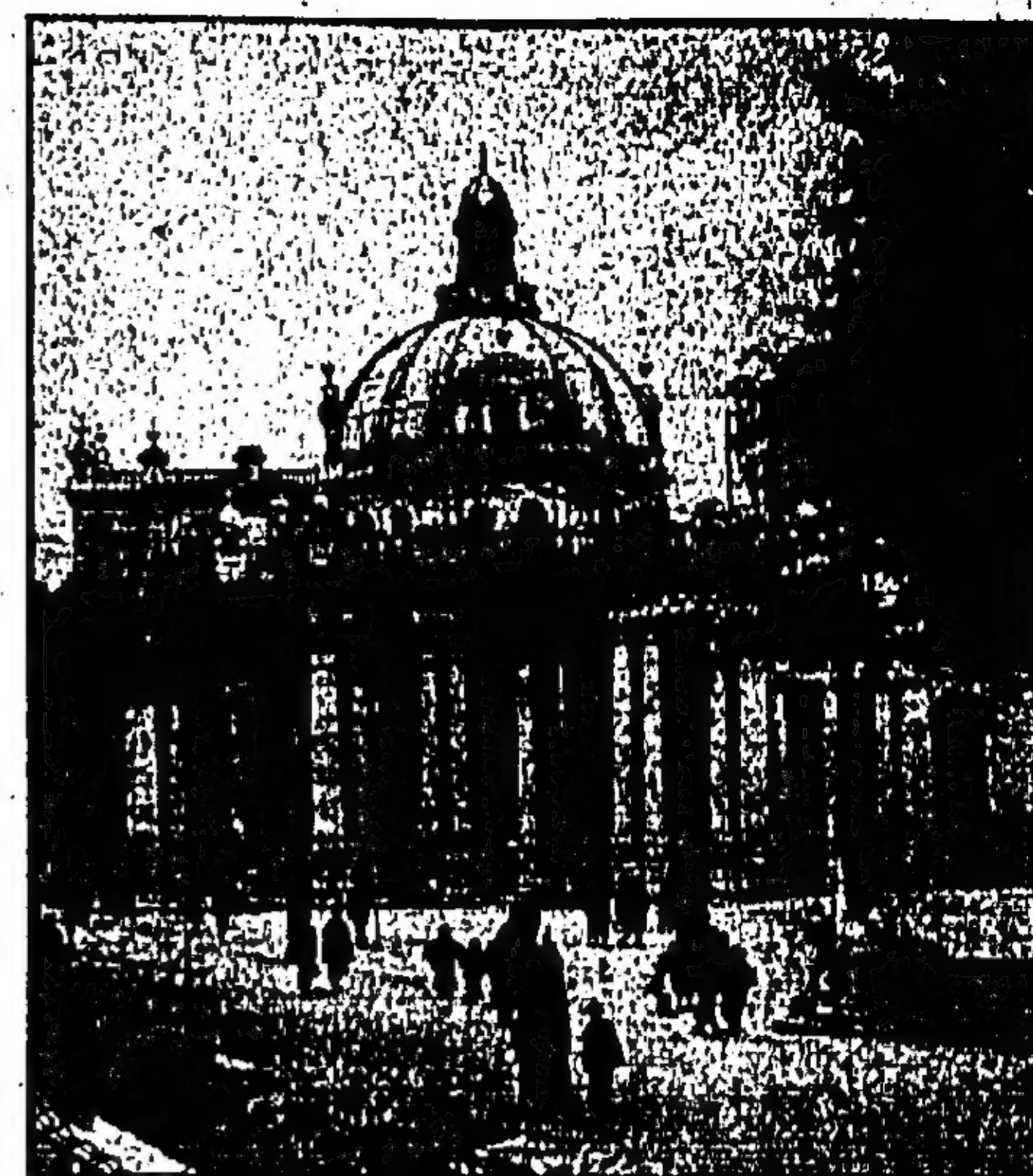
The toast to the future was drunk with enthusiasm, and the crowd gave three hearty cheers, and concludes the reporter, "after spending a short time in conversation, the crowd dispersed."

As the City Hall neared completion, some anxiety was expressed regarding its ownership, in that it seemed to be, "more a public institution than the people's property."

What this fine distinction meant, I do not understand, nor can I quite understand why anxiety should have been felt, unless someone was trying to bring about a typical Hongkong coup d'etat.

The China Mail tries to quieten public anxiety by explaining the legal status of the City Hall.

It is at the moment, as much a private building as any other edifice. It is the property of



The former Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building at Queen's Road, demolished to make room for the present structure. Part of the old fountain opposite the City Hall is seen on the right.

certain shareholders, represented by a committee until the building is opened, when it will have its entire ownership under control.

When completed, however, the owners, in pursuance of an agreement entered into, and in consideration of the site being given by the Government, also a grant-in-aid, will throw open to the public, irrespective of nationality or residence, that portion of the building devoted to the library and museum.

Arrangements for the use of the museum, the theatre, meeting rooms, ballroom, etc., will be readily entered into, and the ownership of the shareholders will, of course, be recognized as regards them.

Well, the City Hall did materialize, and the recent visit of the Duke of Edinburgh recalled that made by a former Duke of Edinburgh, who declared open the old City Hall, ninety years ago.

Also, following the painful peregrinations of our Drama

Companies, we wish that a City Hall stood again complete with Theatre Royal.

The picture accompanying the first article showed what the completed building looked like. For a long time, the library and museum were both popular institutions within the Colony, and the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Company long used the Theatre Royal, but for some reason abandoned it in the twenties as unsuitable.

The City Hall went on for a few more years, and then was laid low to make way for the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation's building, which paved the way for Hongkong's new look in multi-storied buildings.

No trace of the old building remains. Where it stood with its long low graceful lines, two buildings tower into the clouds, and huge walls of stone conceal the spot where once the fountain, presented by Mr. Dent, sent its silver jets into the sunlight.

## 'Jobs for the family' storm sweeps U.S.

BUT ONE CONGRESSMAN REMAINS UNABASHED: 'I'M NOT APOLOGISING'

WASHINGTON.

WITH a huffing and a puffing and a blowing of steam that threaten to lift the Statue of Liberty off her pedestal, hundreds of politicians who sit in the U.S. Congress are today frantically trying to persuade their voters that they are not half such bad chaps as everyone in America is saying they are.

There has been nothing quite like it in the annals of our colony. A cry echoed from the baseball ground of Brooklyn Dodgers: "We Will Be Seated."

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This, in itself, would have provided fuel enough to fire a national bonfire for weeks to come.

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Marilyn, wife of Congressman Leonard G. Wolf, is employed by her husband in his Washington office. Cost to the taxpayers: about \$4,400 a year.

When a row sets in as fiercely as this one, it inevitably takes unexpected turns.

While no one is suggesting that President Eisenhower or his right-hand man John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, is guilty of nepotism, people are no less fact that—

Iko has on his White House staff as a military adviser his son, Major David Eisenhower.

FROM FUNDS

His brother, Milton Eisenhower, is sent off as a special emissary to visit to Latin America, and in the last few days has even been tipped as possible long-odds bet for a successor to be found to the aging Mr. Dulles.

His wife, Mamie, has a brother-in-law, Colonel Gordon Moore, who was given Government appointments, and is now facing a Senate inquiry arising out of the Sherman Adams-Bernard Goldhamer scandal.

Mr. Dulles's brother, Allen, is chief of the Secret Service (he's a lifelong Government servant). They have a sister who works in the State Department as head of the German Bureau.

In anger that Congressmen should be asking "so high on the hog," evidence is being sought from their spending of public

money outside as well as inside America.

Half a million dollars (nearly \$180,000) is reckoned to be what they will use up this year in trips abroad.

This money is handed to them from funds kept for touring Congressmen by U.S. embassies round the world. Taxpayers' money of course.

Then there are the gifts which the politicians pick up. A new liner which made its maiden run not long ago took with it 13 Congressmen who handled shipping subsidies. All expenses were met by the shipping lines—for what?

For giving a lecture Congressmen are paid up to \$1,000 (nearly \$300). Organizations which give them that sort of money usually do so in the hope of favours when they try for Government contracts.

LITTLE HOPE

These disclosures are sinking a double bar into the fat of the discontented politicians. First, they are alarmed about how their backing from voters will be affected.

Second, they see little hope now of passing a new Bill by which they hoped to get still more money from the taxpayers to put into their own pockets.

The idea of this Bill was to give themselves an additional \$14,000 a year (\$5,000 to hire an "adviser," native residents).

No doubt many of the Congressmen already had in mind relatives to whom they were going to hand those plum jobs.

"If some of the freshmen Congressmen hadn't been a bit too swinish in their eagerness to get both feet in the public trough," says a political commentator here, "all members might have leaped up more."

But the expenses of their nepotism and heavy spending has swept into limbo at least for a long time—any chance of slipping that Bill through.

Only one Congressman—Representative Claude Hoffman—appears to remain unabashed.

He has a daughter-in-law and a grandson on his office staff; paid for by the country. He says he is going to keep them there. He intends "in time" to raise their pay.

"I am offering no apologies," he says. And at these who ARE offering them (though America seems in no mood to accept them) he adds: "I only regret so many members of Congress show no inclination to take care of their own."

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# WOMANSENSE



## WILL HER MAJESTY PICK ANOTHER SCOTS GIRL?

The Queen has been conducting interviews at Buckingham Palace to fill the post of housekeeper at Balmoral Castle in the lovely Highlands of Scotland. The present housekeeper, Miss Cumber, has retired, due to ill-health, after ten years' service. Big question among the staff is: Will a Scotswoman get the job?

I say it's an odds-on certainty. Already, Scotswomen fill many important Royal posts.

Margaret ("Bobo") Macdonald, for instance. At 54, she has been with the Royal Family since the Queen was a little girl. Although her official position is "dresser" or personal maid, she is probably closer to the Queen than any other person except Prince Philip.

From "Bobo," the Scottish influence only just starts. Her sister Robina is personal maid to Princess Margaret.

Mrs. Finlater, Buckingham Palace housekeeper, is a Scot, as was also her predecessor, Mrs. Ferguson. Mrs. Bruce, housekeeper at Windsor Castle—the Queen's favourite home—also comes from the "land of the mountain and the glen."

The women who look after the Royal children are Scots. Governess Miss Peebles is the daughter of a Scottish engineer. Nurse Mabel Anderson's father was an Aberdeen policeman. Nurse Lightbody is Scottish.

By Peter Nelson

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

BORN today, you are a thoroughly outgoing person—heartily, jovial and no uncertainly conversationalist or public speaker. You are something of a reformer at heart and are seldom satisfied with things as they are. You see opportunities for improvement practically everywhere, and since you have definite ideas on the subject, you should put yourself in the position of being able to promote them wisely.

## JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE game was rubber bridge. The place was Wilkes-Barre. The players average amateurs, according to Harrison H. Smith, who sent me the hand.

East didn't have much of an opening bid while West held the deck. South was not vulnerable and with his frank distribution refused to sell out cheaply. Eventually North bid the defensive grand slam and West.

|                           |                |               |       |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| NORTH 6                   |                |               |       |
| ♠ 875                     |                |               |       |
| ♥ 10976532                |                |               |       |
| ♦ None                    |                |               |       |
| ♣ 72                      |                |               |       |
| WEST EAST (D)             |                |               |       |
| ♠ None                    | ♠ KJ           |               |       |
| ♥ AKQ                     | ♥ 84           |               |       |
| ♦ AQJ                     | ♦ K1063        |               |       |
| ♣ AJ98643                 | ♣ KQ105        |               |       |
| SOUTH                     |                |               |       |
| ♠ AQ106432                |                |               |       |
| ♥ None                    |                |               |       |
| ♦ 87542                   |                |               |       |
| ♣ None                    |                |               |       |
| East and West, vulnerable |                |               |       |
| East                      | South          | West          | North |
| 1 ♠                       | 3 ♣            | Pass          | Pass  |
| 4 ♠                       | 4 NT           | Pass          | Pass  |
| 5 ♠                       | 5 NT           | Pass          | Pass  |
| 6 ♠                       | Pass           | Pass          | Pass  |
| Pass                      | Double (rebid) | Pass          | Pass  |
| Pass                      | Pass           | Double (pass) | Pass  |
| Pass                      | Pass           | Pass          | Pass  |
| Opening lead—♥ K          |                |               |       |

after doubling, opened the apparently safe king of hearts. South trumped hearts and diamonds until he found himself in dummy with four good hearts, one trump and a couple of clubs. He was sure that East held both missing trumps so simply started to lead good heart. East could trump or discard but it made no difference to South. He was going to wrap up his grand slam.

A diamond or club lead would beat the hand since South would wind up in dummy with good hearts, but no trump and declarer would have more trumps than East. Hearts could be played indefinitely but eventually South would have to ruff something and lead a spade from his own hand.

Congratulations to Mr. Smith if he sat North or South—otherwise condolences.

**♥ CARD Sense ♥**

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
4 ♦ Pass ?

You, South, hold:  
♠ 7 3 5 4 3 2 ♠ A 3 2  
What do you do?

A—Bid five clubs! This will clearly invite your partner to bid a slam if he can take care of the spade suit. You do not bid four no-trump since you are sure that your partner will hold at least two aces for his previous bid.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
Your partner bids five spades. What do you do now?  
Answer: Rebid five

## Here's one woman never in a flap about fashion ...

SO you're furious with fashion? This week's mandates from Paris are just the proof you needed to declare all fashion designers mercenary, contrary—and raving mad.

"I'd like to shoot them all," cries Kay Kendall who has just taken to the Empire Line, only to have it taken away again. But there is one well-dressed woman in London who is staying calm.

She is a sort of referee of fashion. And she knows that the way to take the surprise and pain out of fashion—is to study it historically.

Her name is Stella Mary Pearce (married name, Stella Newton—her husband is the distinguished art critic Eric Newton). She was a fashion designer before the war, but during the war began to study the history of fashion. Now she is, as it were, fashion consultant to Old Masters.

### Significant

She can put a date to a painting by the clothes shown on it. And because of her pioneering it has become a

recognised branch of scholarship—the new National Gallery catalogue on Venetian painting is full of references such as "Stella Mary Pearce favours a dating around 1520-32."

And all because she has proved fashion to be not the giddy, self-willed whirl we all suppose. But solid hard fact—with a fundamental logic of its own.

Fashion, alas, always has been a tyrant, causing outcries of protest—but it has always won in the end.

"The only really significant fashion change in the last 30 years has been the sack," says Stella Mary Pearce, categorically shovelling all the New Looks, Tulle Looks, Trapeze Looks and Empire Lines into equal ignominy.

She yields a little over coloured stockings. "They're rather a break for this century," Peggy used to say there was nothing like green stockings for making women's legs look delicious."

However pleased we may be to wear our waists round our middles again—Stella Mary Pearce is disappointed to see us back to normal so quickly.

"The great periods of creativity and advance have always been those when unnatural, distorting fashions have been worn. Take the Elizabethan period, which was a time of creativity and adventure, especially for England.

### Like Birds

"Clothes then in England were both gorgeous and distorted. In Italy, which was going through rather a poor period then, the clothes were more natural.

Far from people needing their heads examined when they wear exaggerated clothes—it is a healthy sign, according to Stella Mary Pearce.

"In the first half of the 15th century in Italy, which was a very great period in Italy, the men looked like birds. Narrow legs, wide, exaggerated sleeves like wings—and those crest-like hats. It meant the men were pleased with themselves, confident, full of ideas."

And, of course, it was in the 18th century when Britain was going great guns again that London snatched the fashion lead for men—and has kept it ever since, in a mild, overseeing sort of way.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Visitors In The Night

—Knarf, Hanid And Teddy Make New Friends—

By MAX TRELL

IT was late at night when it happened. Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children, with the Turned About Nannies, had gone to sleep in the corner of the room, resting their heads against Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, whom they were using for a pillow.

Now, on the desk in the middle of the room, someone had left a big geography book open. And suddenly, in the middle of the night, the wind came in through the window and the pages of the geography book began shaking back and forth.

### A Loud Noise

Then the book fell off the desk. There was a loud banging noise. Knarf and Hanid and Teddy sat up, their eyes wide open. They saw an extraordinary

light. From inside the book came the sound of bells ringing. They heard tiny voices shouting.

"Look!" cried Teddy, pointing at the book. Knarf and Hanid looked. This is what they saw:

### All Jumped Up

Knarf and Hanid and Teddy all jumped up. They gathered all the little people together. One by one, Hanid picked them up.

She put them on a little plate. "Now, now, don't worry!" she said to them. "Nothing is going to happen to you. We'll get you all back to where you belong. Just tell us where you live."

The first man was a Frenchman. He said: "I live in a city where there's a great big tower. It's called the Eiffel Tower."

"Oh, I know where you come from," said Hanid. "You come from Paris!"

The next man was an Italian. He said: "I come from a city where there are hundreds of fountains, almost one in every street."

Knarf said he knew where that city was. "It's Rome!"

The next man said he was an Englishman. "I come from a city that has a big tower, too, but in the tower where I come from there is a clock with a big, deep bell that rings out the hours."

### Big Ben

It was Teddy who guessed the name of that city. "It's London!" he said. "The name of that clock is Big Ben."

There was a man from a country where there were pyramids. The name of that country was Egypt.

There was a woman who came from a country where there was



One by one Hanid picked them up and put them on a plate.

a volcano and smoke coming from the top. That country was Japan.

There was a boy and a girl who came from a country where they always wore fur. They were Eskimos and came from way up near the North Pole.

There was a man from a country where there were towers and domes. The name of that man's country was Turkey.

### Familiar Place

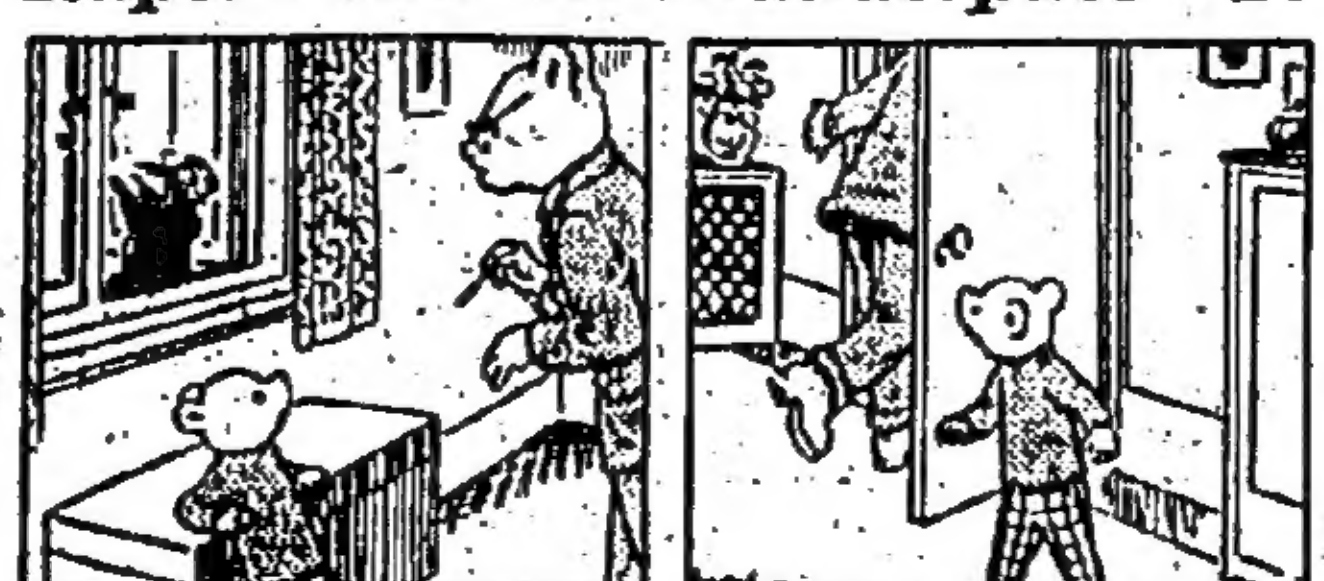
And then there was a man and a woman and a boy and a girl who came from a country where there were mountains and valleys and plains and great lakes and cities with buildings reaching up to the sky.

"I know where you come from!" cried Hanid. "You're from the United States of America!"

Carefully, Knarf and Hanid took the little people back into the pages of the geography book and put the book back on top of the desk.

And the next morning, when they looked at the book by the light of the sun, they saw the towers and fountains and Big Ben and pyramids and mountains and wheat fields and buildings reaching into the sky.

## Rupert and the Blunderpuss—10



When nothing seems wrong with Rupert, Mrs. Sheep clears away the meal and Uncle Bruno moves towards the window to read the thermometer. Suddenly he stiffens and stares at something ahead of him. "What on earth! Where has that come from?" he gasps.

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## By Anne Sharpley

### IAK DREW THE PICTURE GALLERY

considered respectful to paint the Virgin Mary too up to date, except at her wedding, so she is usually about five years behind fashion.

"Nude figures can always be dated by the fact that the painters painted the figure as though it had clothes on—thus Cranach for instance painted an unconscious reflection of fashion, rather than true nudity."

Goya's famous dual paintings of the Maja reflects this rather than any intention to paint suggestively, claims Stella Mary Pearce.

Extremes in fashion have sometimes led to rather awkward interim fashions. One is reminded of the time when the For Whom the Bell Tolls hair-crops were transmuted to poodle cuts and thence on to Italian cuts by her recollection of the period when girls shaved

their heads half-way back to the crown to give that intellectual, high-browed look so admired in the Renaissance.

"So for a time you get paintings where the women have whiskers round their brows while their high intellectual foreheads were growing out again."

Not that our generation is going to leave later historians without several oddities to puzzle over.

Stella Mary Pearce believes the oddest will be the Bicini. "It's going to be very hard for them to understand how we came to call a bathing dress after a bomb."

Clearly the way to overcome present-day fashion nerves is to take a long cool historical view. And if you miss one fashion—there is always the certainty of another coming up.

(London Express Service)

### Up To Date

In the days before fashion addresses flew off to Paris and Italy in Visconti fashion was spread by paintings. As most paintings were religious this meant that the fashion setters were the painted figures, often of saints, in otherwise devout paintings.

"They were so fanatic about fashion that if the fashion changed before a painting was completed it was brought up to date. We can tell this by studying canvases with infra-

## Household Hints

Coffee egg nog is easy to make for one person. Sprinkle 1½ tea-spoons instant coffee over 1 cup prepared chilled nog. Beat with rotary beater until thoroughly blended. For 3 quarts nog, add 2 to 3 table-spoons instant coffee, 1 table-spoon at a time, and beat well after each addition.

Clean antique-finished brass by rubbing it with commercial boiled linseed oil or pure lemon oil. Other brass may be cleaned with commercial

cleaner or paste of rottenstone and boiled linseed oil. Remove paste with cloth moistened in boiled linseed oil and polish with dry cloth.

Spots on brass that resist commercial cleaners may respond to combination of hot vinegar and salt or lemon rind and salt.

Is a ready-made dress a little snug in the bodice? If the bodice has dart in the back, convert them to gathered fullness at the waistline seam.

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# All-England Badminton Starts Today

## MEN'S SINGLES EVENT MOST OPEN FOR YEARS

By JACK DAVIS

London, March 18.

Malaya, who last year lost the Thomas Cup for the first time in the ten years' history of the competition will be hard-pressed to regain the all-England badminton title which they have won eight times in the past nine years.

Main hope of Malaya for the championships which begin at the Empire Pool, Wembley, today and last until Saturday is Teh Kew-san. He is seeded to reach the quarter-finals and experts here think he will do well if he reaches the semi-finals.

Teh Kew-san is in the bottom quarter of the draw, where his most formidable rival will be Ferry Sonneville, of Indonesia, who beat him in the Thomas Cup final.

Even if Teh does exceed all expectations and reach the final, he will find himself up against Tan Joe-hok, Indonesia's Thomas Cup hero, unless we are to have a sensational upset in the championships.

### Spotlight On 'Joe'

The shuttlecock spotlight will be turned on "Joe" as he is called here. He also beat Teh Kew-san in the Thomas Cup challenge round, and is given a good chance of taking the men's singles trophy to Indonesia for the first time in the 60 years' history of the championships.

Nevertheless, with several newcomers among the top ranked players of a dozen countries, the men's event looks the most open for years. Erlend Kops (Denmark), the holder, and Eddie Choong (Malaya) four times winner, are not competing, and the two Indonesians, Tan Joe-hok and Ferry Sonneville have been seeded to contest the final.

### A Handicap

But climatic conditions can play an important part. Choong was helped in his long run by the fact that he lived and played in England for a long time.



TAN JOE-HOK... the spotlight will be on him.

time. The Malaysians and Indonesians, who play a lot outdoors in the intense heat, usually find the colder climate something of a handicap.

Sonneville, though having a great record behind him, has barely achieved distinction at Wembley, while Tan Joe-hok, making his debut in the championships, may fare no better though he is generally considered the finest player in the world.

### Other Malaysians

A European player with an outstanding record is Knudsen, of Denmark, who is seeded No. 3.

He is in the top half of the draw and will clash with Tan Joe-hok in the semi-final. "Joe" has a bye in the first round and will meet R. Brinkstedt, an unranked Swede, in the second round. Teh Kew-san also has a first round bye and

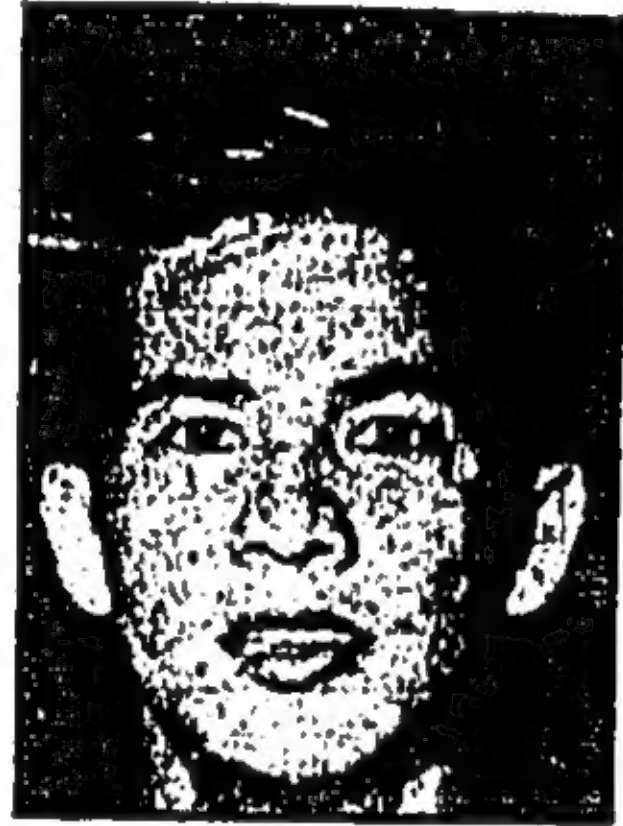
plays A. D. Jordani, an English international, in the second. Malaya's other representatives are Lee Kin-tat, Lim Say-hup and B. K. Wong, officially nominated players, and the brothers Oon Chong-in and Oon Chong-tick, who are studying at Cambridge University.

After a bye, Lee Kin-tat has a second round clash with H. Berach, Denmark's second ranked player, and a win would bring him up against Thanoo Khajapah, of Thailand, a seeded player who could well upset form.

### Chance For Heather

If Lim Say-hup survives his first two rounds, as he should do, he will almost certainly run up against Denmark's seeded Knudsen, Nielsen, for a place in the last eight.

Wong and the Oon brothers are in the same quarter of the draw which also includes the seeded players B. Nielsen



TEH KEW-SAN Malaya's main hope.

(Sweden) the No. 7 seed, and C. Watnasia (Thailand) seeded fourth. Miss Heather Ward, 20-year-old Surrey star, has the chance of becoming the first English player since the war to win the Women's Singles. She is seeded joint top with America's Judy Devlin, who will be attempting to win the title for the third year in succession.—Reuter.

## First Tryouts For New Electronic Starting Mechanism

Los Angeles, March 17.

A new electronic starting mechanism, which aims at eliminating false starts in athletics sprint races, is to be given its first tryouts here shortly.

Inventor Hilmer Lodge, coach of the local Mont. San Antonio College athletics team, will test out his own mechanism, which has been described by the great sprinter, Jesse Owens, as the most important innovation in athletics since the invention of starting blocks.

### How It Works

The mechanism is designed to work as follows: The sprinter, when he gets "on his mark" places a finger or thumb on a piece of plastic material which is linked with a luminous button on a control panel placed in front of the starter. When all the runners are ready, the luminous buttons should all be lit.

If any runner starts before the gun is fired, taking his finger off the piece of plastic material, the luminous button will go out. This automatically sets off a warning siren and the starting gun will not go off. If the runners are all in position correctly, the starting gun will go off automatically after two seconds.—France-Press.

## Blackpool To Tour Far East

London, March 17.

The Football Association today gave permission to nine English first division soccer clubs to make close season (May to mid-August) tours covering most parts of the world. Arsenal will play matches in Italy; Tottenham in Russia; West Bromwich in Canada; Bolton in South Africa; Burnley in Portugal; Blackpool in the Far East; Blackburn in Germany and Denmark; Newcastle in South America; Nottingham Forest in Holland, Germany and Belgium.

Complete itineraries of the teams still are being arranged. (According to the local Football Association, negotiations are still in progress to invite Blackpool to play a game in the Gambia.—France-Press.)



FERRY SONNEVILLE... an impressive record behind him

## TEST MATCH ABANDONED AS A DRAW

Auckland, March 18. The second Test match between New Zealand and England was abandoned today as a draw.

More rain early today made play impossible on the fourth and final day. The run-ups were soft and the whole pitch was damp after recent flooding of the surrounding area.

The final scores were: New Zealand—181 (B. Sutcliffe 61). England—331 for seven (P. May 124 not out, P. Richardson 67, T. W. Graveney 46).—Reuter.

## Former Baseball Strikeout King Dead

Philadelphia, March 17. Howard Ehmke, who struck out a record 13 batters as a surprise starter for the Philadelphia Athletics in the 1929 World Series and who was a star right-hander in the American League for 15 seasons, died suddenly in Germantown Hospital today.

Ehmke, who would have been 64 next month, held the one-game series strikeout record until Carl Erskine of the Brooklyn Dodgers fanned 14 New York Yankees in 1953.—U.P.I.

## Drawn Match

London, March 17. The English Football League team, including many international players, drew two goals all with the League of Ireland team in Dublin tonight.

Although this was not an official international match, both sides lined up several star players.—France-Press.

## MCC Takes Steps To Check 'Throwing' In English Cricket

London, March 17.

The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) meeting today at Lord's, announced important steps to check throwing or jerking by English county cricketers.

This is taken to mean that having taken steps to put Britain's own bowling house in order, the MCC may next tackle the same problem with Australia.

During the recent Tests in Australia, British observers severely criticised the bowling methods of Meekins, Rector, Burke and Slater. In a statement, the MCC said today that county clubs have been warned that the action of some of their bowlers is suspect. The bowlers whose technique is suspect are actually named. Only those clubs with "doubtful" bowlers have been warned. All other clubs have not been told the names of the "suspect" bowlers.

### Other Decisions

Observers here feel that about 17 English county bowlers are affected. The MCC stated that umpires have again been given every assurance and support in combating throwing and jerking.

Other decisions reached by the MCC were that the pitch may now be covered for very large periods, during matches, and before.

In future the entire pitch shall be covered each night of a match and in necessary

## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Athletics  
HEME annual athletics meeting, Boundary Street, 4 p.m.  
Football  
Tao' Kong Ladies' v Hongkong University, King's Park, 4 p.m.  
Badminton  
Colony Open Badminton Championships, at HRC, 7.30 p.m.  
Tennis  
Colony Open Grass Court Tennis Championships, HKCC, 5.30 p.m.  
20-MONDAY  
Tennis  
Colony Open Grass Court Tennis Championships, Chater Road, 5.30 p.m.  
Golf  
Ladies' Golf at Shek-O, Park, Bique v Doye.

## CLUB END RUGGER SEASON TONIGHT WITH ANNUAL MATCH AGAINST WAYFOONG

By PAK LO

The HKFC rugger section conclude their season tonight with their annual game against the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on the Club ground at 7.00 p.m.

As usual after this game there will be a "steak and kidney" dinner to round off the evening.

At the moment only one other game is scheduled for this season that is an unusual one. On Saturday afternoon the Eschmalians' seven strengthened by another eight players will take on the Whitefield Wanderers. The game will probably be played either on the Club ground or Boundary Street, the former venue being more likely.

### A Charity Match

Once again this will be a Charity match with a difference. A collection will be taken and the money sent to the Battersea Dogs Home in London. It is hoped that a lot of "gay dogs" and their lady friends will turn out in support of this institution.

The Club tonight, handicapped by the Bank having first choice on their players, and hit hard by injury are much weaker than usual, but should still prove once more too strong for Wayfoong.

The Club three line has Ross on the wing, an unusual addition, while McTavish and Leach form the centre pivots. With Laville on the wing this is still a strong attacking three line which if given the ball can

break through any defence. Among the forwards the front row is unchanged except for the inclusion of Kilvert as hooker. The second row which consists of the two lineout forwards, Newbigging and Miller should get a plentiful supply of the ball back to their halves.

### Could Be Dangerous

Valentine is behind Tancock tonight and if these two do not hit it off the Club attack may well stumble to a halt. Valentine has not been showing his old form of late, and this could be dangerous, for the Bank have Gaulk and Leonard as wing forwards.

The scrums should, with Dilworth hooking for the Bank,

show a slight advantage for Wayfoong, and Wiggett and Campbell the two Bank halves have shown before today that they can break through an opening.

The Wayfoong three are not as strong either in attack or defence as Club's and this should make the final difference. Club should leave the field the winners by a reasonable score.

### The Teams

Club: "A": Stewart, Laville, McTavish, Leach, Ross, Valentine, Tancock, Whitley, Kilvert, Howe, Miller, Newbigging, Penman, Steven, Armstrong-Wright, Wayfoong: Cunningham, McLehlan, Adams, Laville, Sini, Campbell, Wiggett, Collings, Dilworth, Moore, Barnes, McGeorge, Leonard, Utlley, Gaulk. Referee: Quilrough. Touch Judge: Richardson.

## Final Callover On The Lincolnshire

London, March 17.

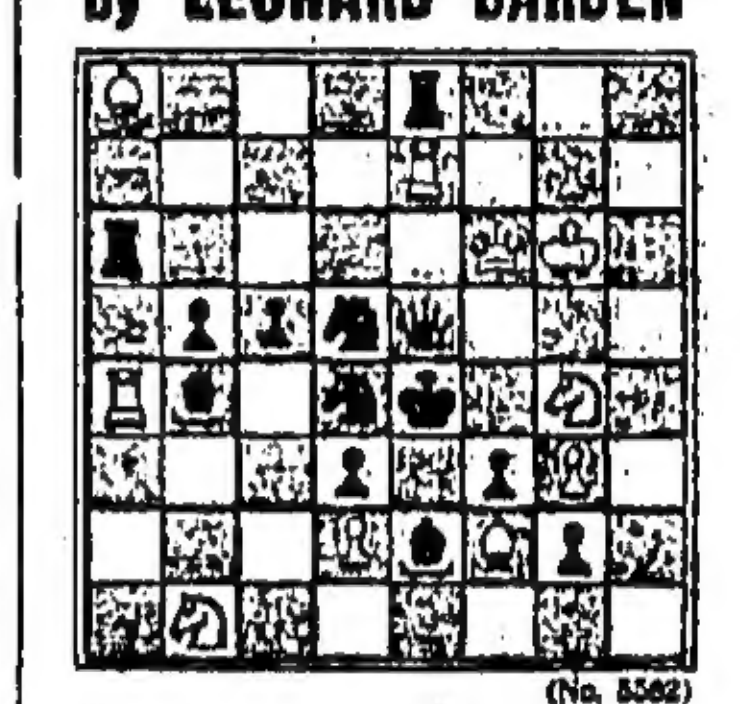
Precious Heather was a well backed favourite for tomorrow's Lincolnshire Handicap, and closed at 8-1 at the final callover of the Victoria Club here tonight. It was backed to win £13,000 (sterling).

Marshal Pili was supported to win £3,000 (sterling), and remained second favourite at 10-1. Midlander advanced fractionally to become third best at 100-1. R. Reddy's Fortunatis, supported to win £6,000 (sterling) advanced two points to 20-1. First offender also came in from 33-1 to 20-1.

Prices quoted for the race to be run over one mile at Lincoln tomorrow were: 10-1 Precious Heather; 10-1 Marshal Pili; 100-1 Midlander; 100-1 Chief Barker; Amos and Offspring; 20-1 Fortunatis; 22-1 Girtford; 25-1 Canterbury Blues; 25-1 Master Nicky; and Hard and Soft; 28-1 Midland, Scragg, Abbotts Star, Nicholas Nickleby, First Offender and Chino; 33-1 Chou Chin and Chalk Stream; 40-1 Harley Burn; Bellborough and Walter H; 50-1 Dunlop; Master of Boyden, Regal Rock and Lemonpiff; 66-1 Mastly Hook, My Pal, "ard as Nails and Liza Gobi; 100-1 Anna Santa.—Reuter.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

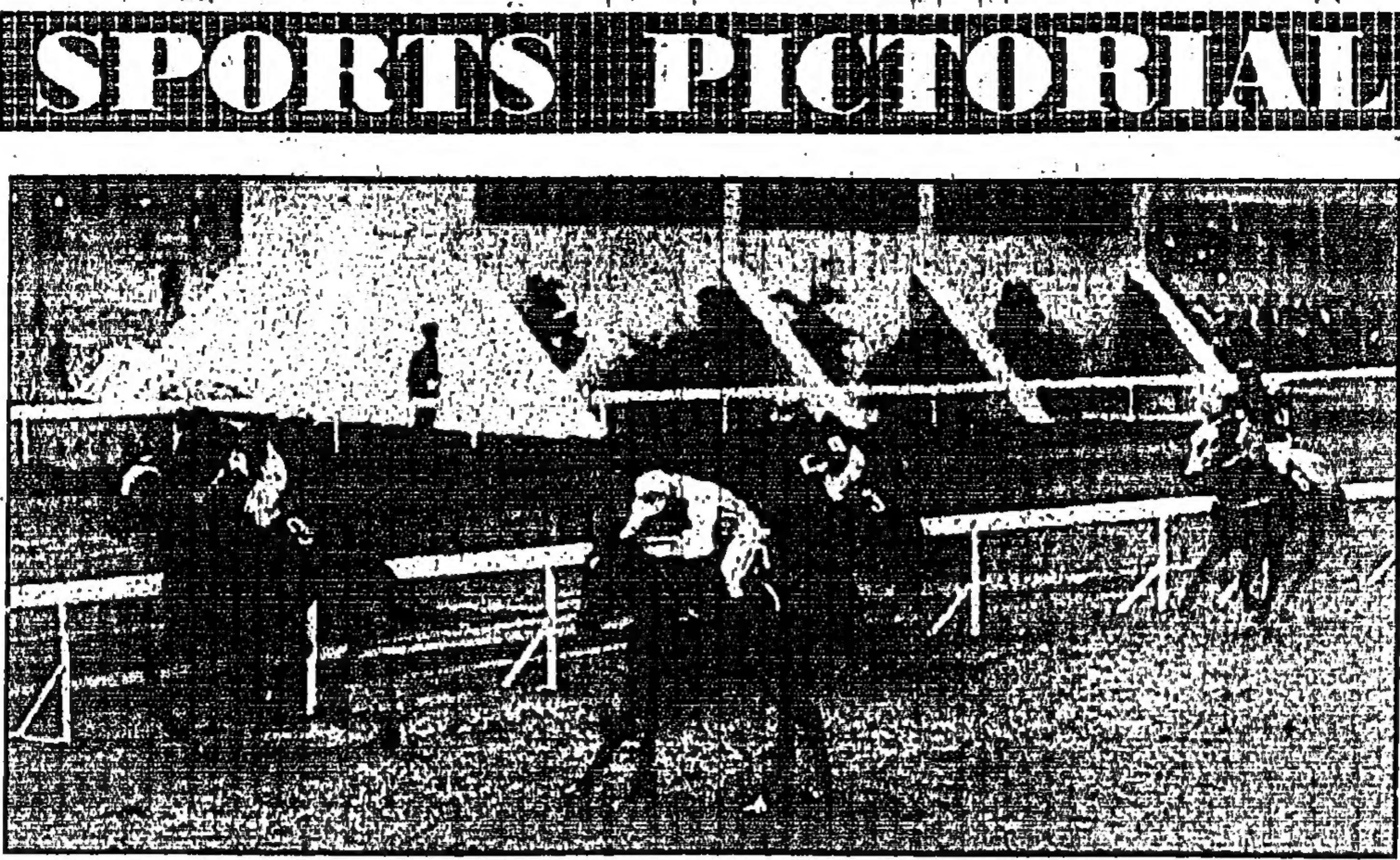


Here is a problem by E. M. Hasbany (U.S. Chess Federation, 1946). White to play and mate in two moves.  
Solution No. 5581: 1. QxP ch, KxQ; 2. Kt-B4 ch, K-R7; 3. Kt-R3—Kt-B6 mate. 1. R4-R5—Kt-B6 ch, K-R4; 2. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 3. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 4. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 5. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 6. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 7. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 8. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 9. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 10. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 11. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 12. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 13. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 14. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 15. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 16. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 17. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 18. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 19. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 20. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 21. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 22. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 23. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 24. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 25. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 26. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 27. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 28. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 29. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 30. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 31. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 32. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 33. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 34. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 35. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 36. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 37. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 38. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 39. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 40. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 41. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 42. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 43. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 44. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 45. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 46. R4-R5 ch, K-R4; 47. 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Brian G. C. Huggert, the popular Farling golf professional left by BOAC for UK this morning to make a professional tour circuit there. He expects to return in autumn. Photo shows him waving good-bye prior to embarking on the plane. — China Mail Photo.



ABOVE: An exciting finish was seen in the Wongneichong Stakes (third section) for 1959 ponies over the distance of 1/2 mile 171 yards on the last day of the Hongkong Jockey Club annual meeting last Saturday.

Photo shows Besoot (No. 1) ridden by Albert Lam staging a strong finish to pass Thanksgiving (No. 9) and win by four lengths. In third place is Hadda Hu (No. 3). Besoot paid \$13.50 for a win.

BELOW LEFT: Nectar (ridden by Allan Chan) edging out the favourite Linelight in the first race of the day — the Wongneichong Stakes (first section). — China Mail Photos.



RIGHT: Brian Douglass receiving his men's singles runner-up prize from Mrs D. L. Prophet, president of the Club at the Ladies' Recreation Club badminton prize presentation last Wednesday. — China Mail Photo.

Below: Mr John Rogerson's Paa Seal sheds his jockey, W. Rees, as he falls in front of challenger Linwell, ridden by F. Winter, after leading over the last fence in the Cheltenham Gold Cup at Cheltenham recently.

Paa Seal's fall interfered, too, with Lochroe, which was also challenging for the lead, and the race was won by Roddy Owen. Linwell finished second and Lochroe third. — Reuterphoto.



Hongkong's top archers in action at the highly entertaining Hongkong Festival of Outdoor Sports at the Government Stadium last Sunday. — China Mail Photo.

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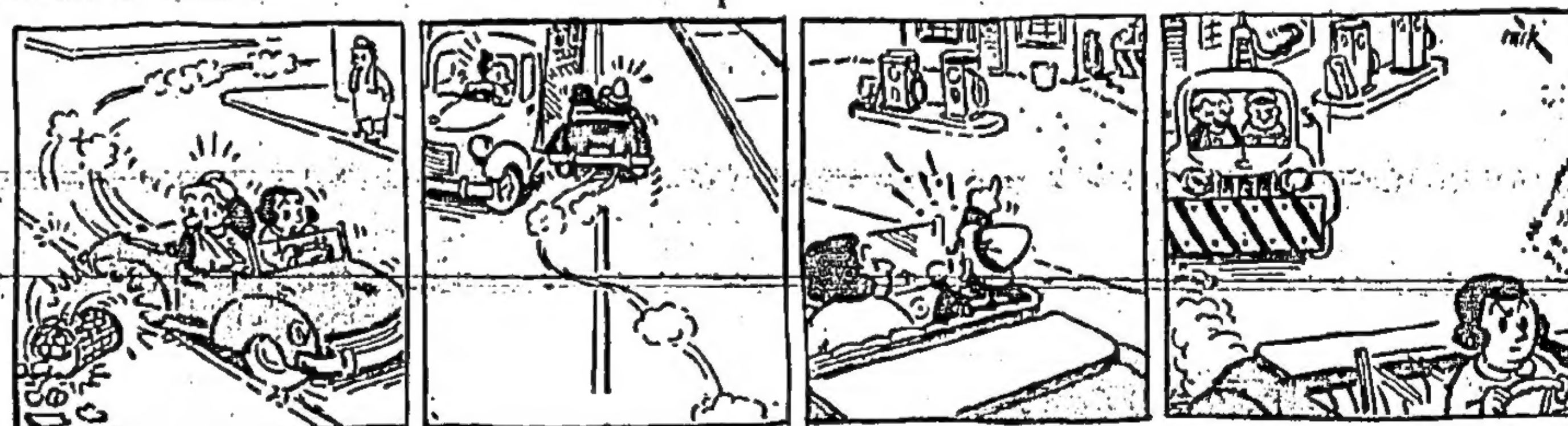
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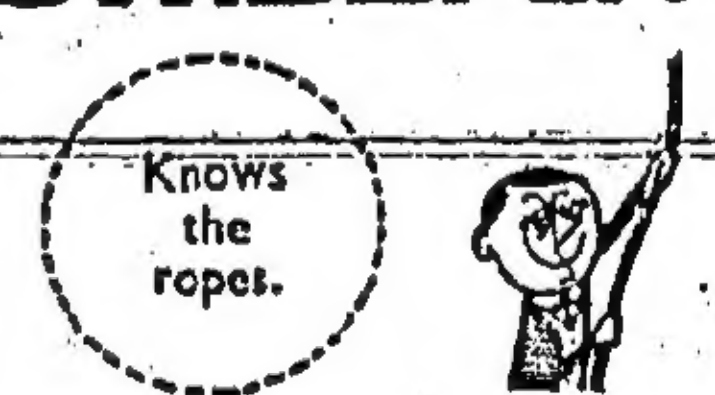
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GIVEN that the Ordinary  
Yearly General Meeting of the  
Shareholders of the Bank will be  
held at the Head Office of the  
Bank, 10, Des Voeux Road,  
Central, Hong Kong, on  
Wednesday, the 18th day of  
March, 1959, at 4.00 p.m., for  
the purpose of receiving and  
considering the Reports of the  
Directors and the Profit and  
Loss Account, and Balance  
Sheet for the year ended 31st  
December, 1958, and for the  
election of Directors and the  
appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of  
the Bank will be closed from  
Wednesday, 11th March, 1959  
to Wednesday, 18th March,  
1959 (both days inclusive)  
during which period no  
transfer of shares can be  
registered.

By Order of the Board,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1959.

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Annual General Meeting of the  
Company will be held at the  
Company's Office, Jordan  
Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on  
Saturday, the 4th April, 1959,  
at 12.00 noon for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the  
Directors and Statement of  
Accounts for the year  
ended 31st December, 1958,  
to declare Dividends, to elect  
Directors and to appoint  
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Notice is also given that  
the Share Register of the  
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Monday, the 23rd March,  
1959 to Saturday, the 4th  
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clusive.

By Order of the Board,  
LAU CHAN KWOK,  
Managing Director.  
Hongkong, 27th Feb., 1959.

# Ulbricht: He Tries To Look Like Lenin

## Natalie Slugged It Out With Warners

Hollywood. NATALIE Wood, a slip of a 20-year-old girl, slugged it out with gigantic Warner Brothers studio for a year and when the smoke cleared this week 98-pound Natalie was champ.

During the lengthy hostilities the former child star proved the studio needed her more than she needed the film factory. Both sides employed age-old movie-land weapons. She refused pictures. The moguls retaliated by placing her on suspension.

"I was out of work for 14 months, but I finally got what I wanted," the brunette exclaimed. "Our beef was very simple. I wanted the right to do outside pictures and to have more freedom. Money wasn't an issue. I took my stand because I felt no major studio has enough good properties to keep an actress busy making top-flight movies."

"Warner Brothers didn't agree with me."

"It Was Fun" "Now I'm back at the studio with my freedom, outside picture rights and a raise in salary to boot." The brothers Warner didn't let over and play dead, however. The studio nabbed Natalie for four more pictures (at the rate of one a year) when her current four-year contract expires. During her year's suspension batten-eyed Natalie let her bosses sit and suffer while she: • Married Actor Robert Wagner. • Bought a new home. • Cruised the California coast in a 42-foot power boat. • Formed her own company (Rona Productions) with Wagner.

"It was fun," she said. • No Sideshow Natalie's last picture for Warners was "Marjorie Morningstar," completed almost a year and a half ago. "There were no hard feelings with the studio," she said. "At least not on my part. And I'm anxious to get back to work. Bob and I plan to make pictures for our own company, but not together."

"We purposely shy away from co-starring. We don't want to exploit that two cute kids working together routine. Bob and I both are professional performers. We won't allow ourselves to become a sideshow."—U.P.I.

THE HONGKONG & YAUAMAT FERRY COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

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Walter Ulbricht, icy-eyed Communist boss of East Germany, is proud of his nickname "The Saxon Lenin" and he plays the role to the hilt.

It is Ulbricht's vanity that he has much the same shaped head as Lenin, and he has cultivated a tiny spade beard around his narrow chin to heighten the effect.

ULBRICHT He even wears glasses much like those Lenin wore. He has never been and will never be as popular as was Lenin with his Communist followers, nor is he able to use his thin voice to hypnotize a crowd as Lenin is said to have done.

But in other respects, he is much like his idol. He copied Lenin's tactics of dividing the party in order to rule it.

Tailor's Son

Proof of his success is the fact that he was elected to the Central Committee of the German Communist Party in 1923, and has never been out of it since, not even during the convulsions that ripped at all Communist leaders following the Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev three years ago.

Son of a Leipzig tailor, trained to be a carpenter, Ulbricht early caught Josef Stalin's eye, and the master taught the apprentice all he knew.

Even as Lenin and Stalin, Ulbricht has been chary of assuming the top role in Government. Instead, he has made himself First Secretary of the East German Communist Party, but only Vice-Premier of the East German Government.

Socialist renegade Otto Grotewohl heads the government, and makes most of the official statements.

Emotionless

Ulbricht, usually dressed in severe black and looking somewhat like a de-frocked priest, stands or sits near Grotewohl on such occasions, his cold eyes sweeping the crowd.

His face remains completely emotionless, even when Grotewohl or some other Red speaker makes a weak attempt at humor.

But audiences rarely applaud until Ulbricht has given the signal by tapping his palms together. Then all good Reds watch their own hands together until they burn.

When a "vote" is called in the East German Parliament, Ulbricht looks out over the deputies, and woe is he who is slow to leap to his feet when asked to vote "aye." No one ever votes "nay."

For Walter Ulbricht is merciless to opponents.

One Jump Ahead

Copying the party "cell" technique invented by Lenin and perfected by Stalin, Ulbricht kept aloof through all the dispute that raged in the party during the 20's and 30's. He got out of Germany one jump ahead of the Gestapo in 1933. Other Red leaders were not so lucky, so Ulbricht took over the party in emigration.

As "emigration" leader, Ulbricht decided to lead Germany, and who remained his enemies remained, and died.

Ulbricht showed up in Spain during the Spanish Civil War, as a political commissar in the Red units.

Back in Moscow, he organized the conversion to Communism of German prisoners of war.

First Back

And he became a Soviet citizen and colonel in the Soviet army.

He was the first German the Russians brought back when the Red army swept into Berlin. Ulbricht's plane landed on a Berlin airfield on April 29, 1945, while there was still street fighting, and one day before Adolf Hitler killed himself.

Ulbricht got out to organize East Germany in his image, with the backing of the Red army's bayonets.

He split the Socialist Party, henceforth known as the Socialist Unity Party, then proceeded to destroy all the old Socialists who had delivered their party to him, except Grotewohl.

Clearly, Grotewohl is no danger to him, and even has a certain usefulness.

Uprising

The Red army is what keeps Ulbricht in power even now. His worst crisis came in June, 1953, after Ulbricht—putting another man's name on the order papers, of course—ordered production quotas stepped up sharply, but without raising pay scales.

The East Germans revolted, and demanded Ulbricht's head. The East German army collapsed, and Ulbricht called for the Soviet army, whose tanks quashed the uprising by late June.

On June 30 of that year, with the Soviet army still in the street to prevent further rioting by German workers, Ulbricht permitted himself the ultimate insult to the people he claims to represent.

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BIG CONSCIENCE

New York. The conscience of a longtime subway fare evader has finally got the best of him.

The New York City Transit Authority reported it had received a \$10 bill from an anonymous tipster freeloading passenger. Enclosed was a note which said:

"I am sending to you here enclosed a payment for rides on the transit system for which I did not pay. Will you please put it in the conscience fund?"

The Transit Authority said it was the "largest" "conscience" payment in its history.—U.P.I.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE conductor of an orchestra says that co-operation and a friendly spirit make a good orchestra, but that "this does not mean fragments of conversation during the playing of a piece."

Of course not. Co-operation can be exaggerated, as when an officious player leans over and attempts to play a note or two on his neighbor's instrument. Nothing is more unbecomingly than the sight of two players squabbling at the same end of a French horn. The complaint of an audience recently was justified, when an exuberant violinist cried to the player, beside him, "Lay into it, Ralph!"

There's a gadget for everything

MELISANDE writes:—

You can have fun fixing your own holes in chess. Little plastic holes, in two sizes, and in sets of 12, can now be bought. And at a recent Exhibition I noticed a spoon with a handle consisting of three prongs. Held in the middle, it can be used either to lift gravy or to pick up, as on a fork, any foreign bodies which have fallen into the gravy. It can also be bent double so that both prongs and can be used simultaneously—e.g., for stirring things.

What is one to think?

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## Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18  
By Air  
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 7 a.m.  
Thailand, Burma, Malaya, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.  
Japan, Dutch New Guinea, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19  
By Air  
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, Noon.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
India, Aden, Africa & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Cambodia, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
Costa Rica, Panama, direct, Noon.  
North Borneo, Rabaul, Br. Solomon Is. & Fiji, direct, Noon.  
Lao, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20  
By Air  
Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan, France, 9 a.m.  
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Formosa, Noon.  
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 2 p.m.  
India, 6 p.m.  
Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Philippines, 6 p.m.

## TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left in making each word? The world's letters are small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the center square, and there must be at least one letter on each side of the center letter.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: One word only. Each word must contain the large letter in the center square, and there must be at least one letter on each side of the center letter.

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## Banquet For Liz & Eddie

Eddie Fisher and Elizabeth Taylor made one of their first appearances since Eddie's recent divorce from Debbie Reynolds at last week's banquet for old-stager vaudeville and TV comedian George Jessel.

The banquet coincided with Elizabeth's 27th birthday, for which Eddie produced a diamond-studded purse.

Under the terms of the California divorce, Eddie can't remarry for one year; Debbie turned down a suggestion of a supplementary Nevada divorce which would have allowed him to get married immediately.

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# CHINA MAIL

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1959.

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A N editorial in the SCM Post said: "The Sanitary Department wins congratulations for the action it has taken to check the deplorable overcrowding of Hongkong tenements. At different times, in calculating the population of the Colony, an average is struck by critics, who conclude that ten persons per floor is the probable average for Chinese dwellings of the poorer sort."

"These critics will have been astonished to note that in the case of one tenement, no fewer than 29 adults and 16 children were found, and in another 24 adults and 11 children."

"This gives a total for the two floors of eighty souls. Overlaid two children as the equivalent of one adult, there were 66 adults. The regulations permit for the two floors of only 13 adults."

"We in Hongkong should be able to avoid instituting or inviting painful remedies. The provision of new housing has been tried and has failed to relieve overcrowding. The fixing of a basic wage is, reasonably, struck: it is doubtful whether it would make much difference. Chinese families have so many commitments and so many poor relations in and from the country."

"The third remedy is decentralisation of industrial establishments, and this seems to offer the best prospects. It can be done by restriction of factories and limitation of the number of them in each area. The same plan should apply to whatever attracts population. This will rationalise the provision of new houses."

★ ★ ★  
Gangsters rushed a money changer's shop in Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, just as it was closing down for the night. Armed with revolvers they herded the employees into a back room and then escaped taking \$4,000 with them.

★ ★ ★  
DALZIEL, a former pupil of the Diocesan Boys School, suffered injury on Sunday when he had a nasty fall while out hiking with a party of schoolboys near Shatin. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from a deep gash in his head and facial injuries. He is reported to be making good progress.

## IT WAS A METEORITE AFTER ALL

Moscow, March 17.  
Soviet Professor Louzki of the Moscow Planetarium said today it was a meteorite, and not a space ship from Mars which landed in Siberia on June 30, 1908.

The Professor thus blasted a theory put forward recently by Soviet writer, Alexander Kazantsev in his book "A Visitor from Space". Kazantsev's theory of a space ship which crashed on that date was without any scientific foundation. Louzki said that samples of earth taken from the spot where the explosion occurred in 1908 showed microscopic particles of metal. These, when analysed, proved to be meteoric iron such as has been found in all the known meteorites.

Kazantsev's theory had been that Martians had crashed in their space ship, after travelling to earth with a stopover on Venus. He maintained their fuel exploded before landing.

### No Authority

An examination of the area where the explosion occurred—in Siberia near the Podkumenskaya Tunguska River—disclosed neither crater nor any remains of a meteorite but only an elliptical zone several dozens of miles in extent, completely devastated and strewn with trunks of uprooted and burned trees.

However, Professor Louzki said the writer, who had filled his book with scientific annotations, was no authority in space matters. Louzki said his annotations and his whole theory of Martian travellers were simply a matter for science fiction.—France-Press.

## Christopher Wrote To Mr Dulles

London, March 17.  
The kind thought of a free-kick, nine-year-old schoolboy has got its reward.

While Christopher Westley was in bed at Garry-way, Romford, Essex, with a bad cough, he read that Mr John Foster Dulles, the U.S. Secretary of State, was ill too—and with his 71st birthday due.

So Christopher wrote a letter: "I hope you have a nice birthday and a nice cake. I am sorry you have been ill."

Back came a letter written by Mrs Dulles from 2740, Thirty Second Street, Washington, D.C. It said:—  
Your nice letter brought a note of cheer to Mr Dulles's birthday, and he has asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness.

His office staff and I had a little birthday party for him at the hospital. We had a beautiful cake and Mr Dulles liked it very much.

We are glad that your bad cough has now left you. Sincerely yours, Janet Dulles. "Fancy Mrs Dulles writing to ME," Christopher said. Today he takes the letter to show his teacher and his school friends.

But it will be a copy. The treasured original must not get dirty and dog-eared.

## ESSAY ON A RICE GRAIN

By DAVID T. K. WONG

Johore Bahru, March 17.  
An exhibition of microscopic carvings by Hongkong artist Wong Lo Peng has just been opened at the Johore Chinese Association here, just across the causeway from Singapore.

Among the exhibits is a carving of a deer between whose antlers is a cigarette-sized glass tube containing an ivory grain of rice. On the grain of rice is engraved a 540-word essay entitled: "How to Run a Family."

The price of the deer exhibit is \$M10,000.

## Car Cleaner Heard Taxi Driver's Plea

A car-cleaner told the District Court today he heard a taxi-driver say to a policeman accused of corruption "Inspector, please give me a chance."

This had occurred outside the Princess Garden night club early one morning last November, the cleaner, Lau Jip, told the court.

The policeman, Wong Yuk-lun, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of having corruptly solicited six bottles of brandy and corruptly received \$150 from the taxi-driver, Tang Chiu-hung, on November 9 last year.

Tang gave evidence that he had taken Wong to the night club from Nathan Road at 1.15 a.m.

### Gave Two Dollars

On arrival Wong had given him \$2 for the fare and received 80 cents change.

Tang said Wong had asked him why he did not operate the taxi meter, and he had replied that he had forgotten to put the flag down.

Wong then told Tang he was a police inspector, that he was going to arrest him, and that he would lose his licence.

Tang said he had asked Wong for a chance. Wong had then asked him if he was prepared to buy him six bottles of brandy.

Tang had then given Wong \$50 from his pocket and borrowed another \$100 from his mother which he also gave him.

### Cleaning Cars

Lau told the court he lived on the staircase at 360 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

In the early hours of the morning last November he had been cleaning cars outside the Princess Garden night club when he saw a taxi pull up with Wong and Tang inside.

"As I was going to open the door I heard the driver say to the customer 'Inspector, please give me a chance,'" Lau said.

Wong faces alternative charges of demanding six bottles of brandy and simple larceny of \$150 from Tang, with intent to steal.

The hearing is continuing.

## TRIAD MEN GAOLED

An office bearer of a triad society was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon Court this morning, when he pleaded guilty to charges of being a member of Wo Shing Wo triad society.

He threatened the hawkers with assault if they did not join the society. The hawkers gave defendant \$10 as "tea money." The Inspector said defendant had two previous convictions. Leung Siu-tung, 38, c. k. of number 10 Main Street, Hoko Village was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour this morning, by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon Court, when he pleaded guilty to being a member of the 14K Triad society.

## HONGKONG MAN'S LIFE OF ADVENTURE IN THE BRITISH ARMY

by David T. K. Wong

Singapore, March 16.

When the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment left for England yesterday after nine long years of fighting Communist terrorists in the Malayan jungles, a Chinese paratrooper went with them.

He was 38-year-old Corporal Ip Kwong Lau, the son of a Hongkong businessman and the only Chinese in the regiment.

Up to now the existence of a Chinese paratrooper in the regiment has not been made public, and small wonder since Corporal Ip's duties included having to disguise himself as a Communist terrorist occasionally to secure information about the enemy.

Corporal Ip, who joined the British Army in Hongkong in 1940, has led a career as adventurous and colourful as any found in story books. He is a friendly and quiet man by nature and no one looking at him would have guessed that he had personally killed more than 200 men—most of them Japanese.

### ADVENTURE

Corporal Ip joined the army for adventure, and adventure came to him soon enough. His second year in the army saw the outbreak of the Pacific War and he was captured by the Japanese when they overran Hongkong and made a prisoner of war at the Shumshulpo barracks in Kowloon.

But the prisoner of war camp did not detain him for long. On the night of January 7, 1942, he saw a group of Chinese prisoners near the barbed wire fence.

"What are you people trying to do? Escape?" he asked them jokingly.

To his surprise, they replied: "Yes. Would you like to join us?"

### ARRESTED

Once outside, Ip made his way to a friend's home in Kowloon and borrowed \$40 from him. With that money he decided to make his way to Waichau in Free China, to try and rejoin the British Army.

After eight days and nights of trekking through Japanese lines, he reached Waichau, only to be arrested by the Nationalists for being a Japanese spy.

He tried to explain his circumstances to them and finally persuaded them to take him to the British consul in Waichau. The British consul sent word to England to investigate his claim, but for reasons known only to military bureaucrats, it took 17 months to complete the investigations.

Ip was then sent to India, where he volunteered for the Chindit special force, which was to be dropped behind the Japanese lines in Northern Burma to attack their supply lines.

### HARROWING

The six months that he spent in the Burma jungles were among the most harrowing days of his army career.

"We had very fierce battles," Corporal Ip recalled. "Twice we had no water to drink for four days and on three occasions we had to go without food for three or four days."

"We kept alive by eating jungle plants and sucking the juice. We also ate tree leaves."

"Sometimes we killed one of the mules carrying our ammunition for food. On other occasions we ate monkeys."

During this period Ip was a machine-gunner and it was during the fierce engagements with the Japanese that he killed them in large numbers.

When he returned from so after two years he resigned and left for England.

There he rejoined the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment—but this time as a paratrooper.

### DISGUISED

He was sent back to Malaya in October of 1953 and since then he has been taking part in the jungle operations against the terrorists.

On occasions, when the regiment encountered hostile pro-terrorist aborigines, Corporal Ip would disguise himself as a terrorist to secure information on their whereabouts.

Corporal Ip is married and has three daughters. His eldest daughter is at school in Hongkong at present. His wife and the younger daughters have accompanied him to England.

He has another three and a half years to serve with the British Army.

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## New Child Guidance Centre Opened



Lady Black and Professor Priestley at the University this morning, prior to the opening. — China Mail Photo.

Lady Black opened the new block of the Arts Faculty and Child Guidance Centre at Hongkong University this morning.

The Child Guidance Centre, which is situated on the roof of the main building, was completed last year and has a full-time staff where parents and children can get skilled psychological advice.

The Arts Faculty, which comprises nine Departments has recently been decorated and furnished and made bigger with the addition of several new rooms on the roof.

Professor K. E. Priestley, Head of the Dept. of Education, said before the opening:

"Until the University Child Guidance Centre began to operate there was no way in Hongkong in which parents or teachers or probation officers could hope to get skilled psychological advice."

### Trouble

"The children in our community who fall into difficulty or trouble in our homes, schools, and streets, generally through no fault of their own, may either turn out to be a less or even a danger to the community, or they may be helped towards a purposeful personal life and towards taking their proper share in the rights and duties of any good citizen."

"The Guidance Centre is not only a service to parents and children, it also has the duty of contributing new knowledge in the field and of stimulating interest and action on behalf of the Colony's children in difficulties."

Later Lady Black inspected the various departments of the Arts Faculty, accompanied by Professor Drake.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr L. T. Hinde welcomed Lady Black.

## COMING TO HONGKONG



Above is a picture of Thomas Scherman, conductor of the Little Orchestra which will give two performances in Hongkong next week. Mr Scherman holds the New York's Columbia University Medal of Excellence (1952), and he and the orchestra have been given the George Foster Peabody Award for children's concerts in 1957 and more recently an award by the National Music Clubs.

The Far East tour has been sponsored by the American National Theatre and Academy, an artistic body established to suggest performing artists who can best represent abroad America's diversified music culture.

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